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GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR

OF THE FAMILY

OF

JOHN LAWRENCE,

OF WATERTOWN, 1636;

WITH BRIEF NOTICES OF OTHERS OF THE NAME IN
ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

"Four Fathers, where are they?"—Zechariah.

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PREFACE.

FOR the sake of simplicity and clearness, the matter of this sketch is arranged in three parts. The first contains, in connection with the explanation of the name *Laurence*, a concise account of some of the earliest and more important families and persons of the name in England, and is properly introductory to the second; which comprises within the number of sixty or more families nearly five hundred individuals whose lineage and descent from the original English ancestors, *John* and *Elizabeth* of Watertown, can be easily traced by means of the personal and family reference figures employed. The plan does not follow the course of consecutive lineal descent, yet embraces in successive families all those of the same generation. In addition to the births, marriages and deaths as they have been obtained, some not uninteresting and important historical facts have been inserted. The third and last part includes what has been ascertained of other persons of the name, supposed to have come early to this country, who settled in New England and New Netherlands.

To those of the family name and lineage into whose hands this may come, it is not necessary to say, that while there has been an earnest endeavor to secure accuracy in the statements and dates given, yet it will probably be found that many errors have occurred which will need to be corrected. It has been observed in some cases that the records of the town did not agree with those of the Church, nor these again with the family registers and the burial inscriptions. Hence discrepancies arise, which can be rectified only by close comparison and carefully drawn conclusions.

The request is therefore made, that any further particulars, by which what has been hereby commenced may be corrected and improved, may be furnished for the use of those who have been laboring to compile the history of this family and put it into such a form that, concerning those who *are not* it may be as though they *were*; while they who *shall be* will not be left entirely ignorant of those who *have been*.

The family may be truly said to have had not only a *name* but a *character*, for intelligence, probity, piety and usefulness. Enterprising and benevolent, many of them have lived to do good and be blessings in the world. The spirit of philanthropy and charitableness in the *living* Lawrences is but the spirit of their fathers of former generations, exercised in the possession of ampler means and over a wider sphere of influence.

Many have shown that if not born *noblemen*, as were others of their name aforetime in the "Father-land," they could and did become such, (*noble men*) and such let their descendants be.

My acknowledgments are due to several gentlemen from whom important aid has been received in the preparation of this memoir. Particularly would I express them to M. G. Cobb, Esq., of Charlestown, from whom valuable notes were obtained; to the Rev. Mr. Sewall, of Burlington; the Rev. N. Bouton, of Concord, N. H.; C. Butler, Esq., of Groton, whose history of that town, about to be issued, will contain interesting and important statements of the Lawrences of that place; also to Mr. Henry Bass, of Boston, Mr. Z. Hosmer, and Thaddeus W. Harris, M. D., Librarian of Harvard College. To Amos A. Lawrence, Esq., especially, should they be expressed, for the interest which he has taken, and the assistance he has rendered, in this work.

Imperfect though it be, yielding to the desire of esteemed friends, it is committed to the press for the use of the family, in hope that something enlarged and more complete may be published at some future day.

JOHN LAWRENCE.

PART I.

DEFINITION AND USAGE OF THE NAME.

The name *Lawrence* as applied to men, is of very early origin. The *orthography* of the word has been slightly varied in its common usage, yet the number of syllables, it is believed, has never been changed; nor the essential vowel and consonant sounds altered. Dissyllabic, with an *a* and either a single or double *u* in the first syllable, the second has always had for its vowel short *a*, or *e*, followed by *ns* or *ncc*.

If not in its application to the same person as used in the same family for several successive generations, it has been found written in at least three, if not four various, yet similar ways; namely, *Laurens*, *Laurence*, *Lawrence*, and *Laurance*. The modern and almost universal orthography of the word is *Lawrence*. Its derivation we trace to the Latin *Laurus* — *Laurentius*. The latter form is that in which the name is found as first given to men. The signification of the word recorded by some one (not an indifferent scholar) on the first page of the Town Records of Hingham, Mass., may be regarded as pretty near the truth. "Christian names for men now most used with the signification, *Lawrence* — flourishing like a Bay tree."

LAWRENCE OF ITALY.

The first instance of an individual to whom the name belonged who lived in England, which has been ascertained, is that of *Lawrence*, a monk. In Collier's Dictionary the word is *Laurentius*. Harris, in his History of Kent, has it *Lawrence*. By birth a Roman, he came over from Italy to Britain in company with Austin and others, who labored for the propagation of Christianity in the Island. Upon the death of Austin, LAWRENCE, accord-

ing to previous arrangement, was appointed to succeed him as Archbishop of the See of Canterbury. He is represented to have been a man of good learning and piety, who openly reprov'd the King, Eadbald, son of Ethelbert, for his vices, and succeeded in reforming him so far that he afterwards founded the Monastery of St. Austins, in the Abbey of which Archbishop Lawrence was buried, A. D. 916.



ENGLISH BRANCHES AND CONNECTED HISTORY.

It is, however, to one ROBERT LAWRENCE, of Lancashire, we are to look for the first individual of the name whose family and circumstances entitle him to be considered the Ancestor of the Lawrences of England. Born, probably, as early as A. D. 1150, he accompanied his sovereign, Richard Cœur de Lion, to the war of the Crusades, in the Holy Land, and so distinguished himself in the siege of Acre that he was knighted Sir Robert of Ashton Hall, and obtained for his arms, "Arg. a cross raguly Gu." — A. D. 1191.

Seized of Ashton Hall in Lancashire, his successors held this seat for many generations, and it has been said to have belonged, even of late, to some of Sir Robert's descendants. His son and immediate successor married a daughter of James Trafford, Esq., of Trafford, Lancashire, by whom he had a son and heir, *James*, who succeeded Sir Robert, his father.

JAMES married Matilda de Washington, daughter of John Washington, of Washington, in 1252. She was an heiress, the only daughter. The son and successor of James Lawrence "living in the thirty-seventh year of Henry III.," by Matilda, was *John*, who married Margaret, daughter of Walter Chesford, whose son, named *John*, succeeding his father, married Elizabeth, daughter of — Holt, of Stably, in Lancashire, and died A. D. 1360.

Sir ROBERT, a knight, son and heir of John and Elizabeth Lawrence, married Margaret Holden, of Lancashire, by whom he had sons: first, *Robert*, ancestor of the Lawrences of Standish, Crich Grange and Sevenhampton; second, *Thomas*; third, *William*; fourth, *Edmund*; — ancestors of other principal branches of the name in England.

I. Sir ROBERT, son of Sir Robert and Margaret Lawrence, born before 1454, married Amphilbis, daughter of Edward Longford, Esq., of Longford, and had sons: first, *James*, a knight, styled "Sir James of Standish," to distinguish him from another of the name living at the time. He married Cecily, daughter of — Boteler, Esq., of Lancashire, an heiress, and had issue, two sons and a daughter.

Sir *Thomas*, first son of Sir James and Cecily Lawrence, married

Eleanor, daughter of Lionel Lord Welles, and thus acquired estates in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham and York. Sir *John*, a son by this marriage, the seventh knight in a direct line, is said to have possessed, in 1591, thirty-four manors; but being outlawed for crime, died without issue, an exile in France. *Cecily*, a daughter, married William Gerard, ancestor of the Bromley family of Gerards, to whom Ashton Hall and other estates passed, about 1600.

Robert, second son of Sir Robert and Amphilbis Lawrence, married Margaret, daughter of John Lawrence, Esq., of Rixton, in Lancashire, by whom he had Sir *Robert*, who married a daughter of Thomas Stanley, Esq., and died in 1571. Also *John*, who commanded a wing of the English army under Lord Stanley at the battle of Flodden Field, and died without issue, aged thirty-eight years. *William*, a third son, born 1509, or before, married Isabel Molyneux, daughter of John Molyneux, of Chorley, in Lancashire, and held great estates — Sevenhampton, &c., in Gloucestershire, the manor of the Sea House, Somerset, &c. He had several children, of whom *John*, Doctor of Laws, was Archdeacon of Worcester, &c. *Robert*, born at Withington, 1521, married for his second wife Eleanor, daughter of John Stratford, of Farncot, by whom he had: first, *William*, who received from his father the estates of Shurdington. He married, and had *Anthony*, his heir, who also married, and had a son *William*, who died without issue, and the estates went to *Littleton* Lawrence, Esq., of Cricklade.

Robert, second son of *Robert* and Eleanor Lawrence, died without issue, 1585. He was of Sevenhampton. *Anthony*, a third son, married a daughter of William Gradwell, Esq., of Gray's Inn, and had by her *Anthony*, his heir, a daughter *Frances*, or *Elisabeth*, who married William Rogers, Esq., of Sandiwell, and a son *William*. *Anthony* Lawrence, Esq., married Mary, daughter of Giles Broadway, Esq., and had two sons and three daughters. *Robert* Lawrence, Esq., was of Sevenhampton, and the second son, and married Mary, daughter of John Rogers, Esq., of Hazleton, and was the ancestor of "*Walter* Lawrence, Esq., said to be the last heir-male of the elder branch of the Shurdington family, who died in May, 1810," and likewise of *John* Lawrence, living unmarried, in 1806, aged 73 years, who was Rector of Sevenhampton.

Nicholas, third son of Sir *Robert* and Amphilbis Lawrence, living in 1454, married, and had a son *Littleton* Lawrence, Esq., of Cricklade, who inherited estates under the will of *William* Lawrence, Esq., of Shurdington, which are still held by his descendants.

The *arms* of this branch at Shurdington and Sevenhampton, &c., were: "Argent, a cross, raguly gu." Crest — "The tail or lower part of a fish erect and coupéd." Estates "in Gloucestershire." Seat, "Sandy-Well Park."

II. THOMAS, second son of Sir Robert and Margaret Lawrence, was the father of *Arthur* Lawrence, Esq., who was seated at Prior's Court in Gloucestershire. This *Arthur* was ancestor of *John* Lawrence, Esq., of Delaford, in Iver, Bucks, and of Chelsea, Middlesex, who was created a baronet in 1628. He married Grisel, daughter of Jarvis Gibbon, Esq., in the county of Kent, and died in 1638.

Sir *John* Lawrence of Chelsea, his son and successor, married, and had a son, Sir *Thomas*, who married, but had no issue, and was the last of this baronetcy, which was established in 1628, and became extinct in 1717. It is said that this person just named spent all his estate, and about 1700 emigrated to Maryland, in America.

III. WILLIAM, third son of Sir Robert and Margaret above, born 1425, or before, fought under the Lancastrian banner at St. Albans, in 1455, where he fell, and was buried in the Abbey of St. Albans.

IV. EDMUND, (the youngest of the four sons of Sir Robert Lawrence, who married Margaret Holden,) is said to have married a daughter of Miles de Stapleton, a descendant of the distinguished family of that name of Norman extraction, found in England, by which marriage he derived his title.



CRICH GRANGE BRANCH.

The founder of the Crich Grange branch of Lawrences was Sir *Oliver*, whose father was *Nicholas* Lawrence, of Agercroft, and his grandfather, Sir *Giles* Lawrence, of Standish. The son and successor of Sir *Oliver* was *Edward* Lawrence, of Crich Grange, who died August 28, 1601. He left a son, Sir *Edward*, who was knighted in 1619, and died about 1630. It was his daughter, probably, who married, in 1641, William Floyers, Esq., of Floyers, Hayes and Berne. His son, Sir *Edward*, who was knighted in 1643, at Oxford, married, in 1623, Grace Bruen, daughter of Henry Bruen, Esq. At his death, which occurred in 1647, he was succeeded by a son, Sir *Robert* of Crich Grange, Isle of Purbeck, who married, in 1639, Jane Williams, daughter of John Williams, of Tyneham, by whom he had a son, *John* Lawrence, his successor, in 1666, who, before his death, sold all his estates to one Nathaniel Bond, Esq.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCHES.

One of the most important branches of the Lawrences of England, is that, probably, in the line of which we find *Henry* Lawrence, President of Cromwell's Council.

John, called also John de Wardeboys, a descendant of one of the younger branches of the Lancashire family, was an Abbot, and lived in Ramsey, Huntingdonshire, as early as about 1500.

John Lawrence, a nephew of the Abbot, styled in evidences *Generosus*, also lived in Ramsey at the same time. He married, and had, first, *William*, who was at one time Sheriff of Huntingdonshire and Cambridge, and removed to St. Ives, where he settled. Second, *Agnes*, who married Gilbert Smyth, of Fenton; third, *Emma*, who married Gabriel Throckmorton, of Ellington, in Huntingdonshire. *John Generosus*, their father, died in 1538, and was buried in the Abbey of Ramsey. The Prelate survived him a few years, having before his decease, made *William*, the son of his nephew, one of his executors; to whom, also, with his sisters, *Agnes* and *Emma*, he left his silver plate, curtains, hangings, &c. He died in 1542, and was buried in the Abbey of Ramsey, where he had lived an Abbot for about forty years.

This Prelate was very active in promoting the dissolution of the Monasteries then existing, for which services he received ample compensation from the reigning sovereign, in the way of titles, grants and pensions.

William Lawrence, settled at St. Ives, the grandfather of *Henry*, the associate of Cromwell, married for his first wife, *Frances* Honston, by whom he had sons, *William* and *Henry*. By *Margaret* Kaye, whom he married for his second wife, he had another son, *Robert*, who was ancestor of the Lawrences of Brokedish, in Norfolk, and died in 1597, at Emneth, Norfolk.

William, senior, of St. Ives, died December 20, 1572, and was buried at St. Ives, leaving, by will, to his son *Henry*, his heir, the plate of his uncle, Sir John, late Abbot of Ramsey, and his own armor. *Henry* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of John Hagar, of Bourne Castle, Cambridgeshire, and had by her *John*, who was knighted at Windsor Castle, in 1603. He died, and was buried at St. Ives, February 25, 1580-81. Sir *John*, his son, knighted (1603) by James I., married *Elizabeth*, only daughter and heir of Ralph Waller, Esq., of Clerkenwell, in Middlesex, and died February 10, 1604. He was buried at St. Ives. He had by his wife, *Elizabeth*, two sons, *Henry* and *John*, both mentioned in the will, who now became heirs to the estate of Ralph Waller, Esq.

Henry was about four years old when his father died. In 1622 he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he continued to pursue his studies. He took a Bachelor's degree in 1623, and a Master's in 1627;

after which he distinguished himself as one of the leading republicans of his day, being associated with Waller, Hampden and Cromwell.

Educated a Puritan, it is stated that, to avoid the severity of the Bishops and Courts, he went to Holland, and while there published, at Amsterdam, (1646, it is said) a book "of our Communion and War with Angels," dedicated to his most dear and honored mother, the *Lady Lawrence*, with a spirit of filial affection highly commendatory to both mother and son.

HENRY Lawrence, Esq., of St. Ives, married Amy Peyton, daughter of Sir Edward Peyton, Bar't, of Cambridgeshire, and had issue, seven sons and six daughters.

I. HENRY, the eldest son, who administered the estate of his father and sisters at their decease. He married, and had sons, *Henry*, who died unmarried, and *Edward*, who was created a baronet in 1748, and died without issue the year following, aged 90. Henry, their father, died in 1669.

II. EDWARD, who died in 1657, leaving his father heir to an estate at St. Margaret's, alias Thele, in Hertfordshire. In the chancel of the Church at St. Margaret's, is this monumental inscription:

"Here lieth the body of Edward Lawrence, Esq., and also of the Lady Martha, daughter of Richard, Earl of Barramore, by Martha, his wife, sister of said Edward, who deceased in the year of our Lord 1657."

Arms — "A cross raguly gu.," &c.

III. JOHN, who went to Jamaica in 1676. His will is dated in the year 1690. He had a son, *John*, a member of the Assembly, at one time, who had six sons, of whom *James*, the third, was of Fairfield, and died in 1756, leaving *Richard James* Lawrence, said to be the representative, while living, of the male line of President *Henry* Lawrence, of St. Ives.

IV. WILLIAM, who was born in Holland, and naturalized by an act of Parliament, November 27, 1656.

V. FRANCIS, who died October 16, 1672.

VI. BENJAMIN, and the other not ascertained.

Of the daughters, *Martha* married, in 1656, Richard, Earl of Barramore, and was the mother of *Laurence*, Earl of Barramore, and of *Martha*, (the Lady) who died as above. The Lady Barramore died in 1664.

Elizabeth, born in 1632, died February of 1662, in her thirtieth year.

Theodosia, born in Holland, and naturalized at the same time with her sister *Martha* and brother *William*, died September 2, 1664, aged about 20 years. *Henrietta*, the youngest daughter, born about 1652, died September 30, 1664, in her thirteenth year.

The *Lawrence Mansion* at St. Ives is said to have been occupied by

Cromwell, from 1631 to 1635-6. Henry Lawrence, Esq., was twice chosen a member of Parliament for Hertfordshire ; namely, in 1653 and in 1654 ; as also for other parts of England. He was made President of the Protector's Council in 1654, and in 1657 was gazetted one of the House of Lords. He died intestate, A. D. 1664, a man of learning and worth to rank in the estimation of Milton, with Montague and other distinguished men of that time. He was a man of noble qualities, a republican, a Puritan.

The provident piety of his wife has preserved his memory in the following lines inscribed at St. Margaret's Chapel, Hertfordshire :

"Here lieth interred the body of Henry Lawrence, Esq., sometime of this place, who married Amy Peyton, daughter of Sir Edward Peyton, of Iselham, in the county of Cambridge, knight and baronet. He had issue, seven sons and six daughters. He departed this life August the 8th, 1664, in the sixty-fourth year of his age."

"Also lie buried in this place, four of his children, &c. The said Amy Lawrence, in memory of her loving consort and children, hath caused this stone to be laid here."

The arms are — "A Cross raguly Gules, without a chief impaling Peyton." The crest — "A fish's tail." Another author gives — "A chevron in chief, three crescents."

JOHN, brother of Lord Henry Lawrence, married, and had children — at least, a son, *Thomas*, whom he left his heir at his death, in 1670. Dr. Thomas Lawrence married, and had a large family. He was a physician, as is stated, "to five crowned heads," and died in 1714. His eldest son, who was an officer in the navy, had a son, *Thomas*, distinguished in his profession, and made President of the College of Physicians, &c. A son of this gentleman was Sir *Soulden* Lawrence, Justice of Common Pleas. Elizabeth, a daughter, married Edward Griffith, Esq.

The Lawrences of Studley and Hackfall, in Yorkshire, were of this branch.

Descendants of HENRY Lawrence's family are now living, in parts of England, as one Henry Lawrence, Esq., of Cowesfield, in Wilts, 1843.

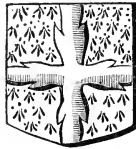
It is stated that the Essex branch of this name took their origin ("as appears by certain old documents") from the grandfather or great-grandfather of the President. Between the Essex and Norfolk branches there was a connection, as is believed, not many generations back. The Lawrences of Colchester also are said to have descended from the stock of the President, at an early period.

COAT OF ARMS.

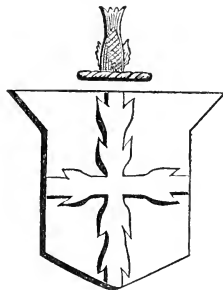
To speak at any length of the *Arms* obtained and borne by the various branches of this name will not be expected. There is not space, nor would it be of special benefit. For definitions of the terms used, and an account of the several kinds, with their modifications, augmentations, and the general object for which arms were conferred, reference can be made to the systems of Heraldry, Histories of Arms and of Peerages, and Encyclopedias published. See, also, No. 3 of the Historical and Genealogical Register, Boston.

The arms of Sir Robert, of Ashton Hall, conferred by Richard I., namely: "Argent, a cross raguly gules," were those of the Lancashire branch generally.

Also, "He beareth Ermine, a cross raguled gules, by the name of *Lawrence*, of Lancashire."



The Gloucestershire portion of the family had the same as already given. Likewise the Buckinghamshire Lawrences. Thus — "Argent, a cross raguled gules is borne by a family of the name of *Lawrence*, in Buckinghamshire and Gloucestershire." "Crest — The tail (or hindmost half) of a Chub (fish) inverted, and erect."



“Raguled” is a term used “to represent the rough-hewn stems of a tree from which the branches have been rudely lopped.” The arms of the Iver branch were nearly the same as above — “A cross raguly gules.” “On a chief of the second, a lion passant guardant, or.” Sir Edward of St. Ives, made a baronet in 1748, had the same.

Henry Lawrence, the President, had arms, “A cross raguly gules without a chief.” Motto — “*Nil Admirari*,” of which quotation from Horace, Pope has given the sense in these lines :

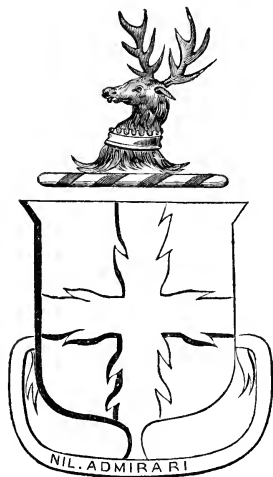
“Whether we dread, or whether we desire,
In either case, believe me, we admire:
Whether we joy or grieve, the same the curse,
Surprised at better, or surprised at worse.”

The words will, however, be better understood, by taking the whole sentence, which reads thus :

“*Nil admirari propè res est una Numici,
Solaque quæ possit facere et servare beatum.*”

which Smart has rendered into simple prose, as follows : “To admire nothing is almost the one and only thing, Numicius, which can make and keep a man happy.” — See Horace’s Epistle, 6 Ad Numicium, Lib. I.

The coat of arms (with a crest used) is here given. Thus :



INDIVIDUAL LAWRENCES.

The following are a few persons of the name of Lawrence, with some incident or statement concerning each, without attempting to trace the family relation or descent.

VICARS, RECTORS, AND ARCHDEACONS.

RICHARD, was Vicar of Pirton, chapel of Ickleford, Hertfordshire, under the patronage of the Prior and Convent of Hertford, in 1357.

JOHN, was a Rector of Stevenage, under the patronage of the Abbot and Convent of Westminster, in 1408.

ROBERT, Prior of Belveal, was executed for refusing to own the supremacy of the King, May 4, 1535.

AUGUSTIN, was Vicar of Norton, in Hertford, under the patronage of the Bishop of London, in 1561.

JOHN, was of Oxford, a Bachelor of Civil Law, in 1523. Made Archdeacon August 10, 1554, in the second year of Queen Mary, and afterwards deprived of the same. He died in 1568.

MARRIAGES.

ALICE, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Lawrence, knight of Ashton, in Lancashire, married, before 1500, Cuthbert Clifton, of Clifton.

JOHN, Rector of Stopham, married, about 1620, Frances, daughter of Walter Bartelott, Esq., of Stopham, Sussex.

JOHN, of York, living in 1634, married Ann Pawson, daughter of Christopher Pawson, of Leeds.

SIR JOHN, knight of London, married, about 1651, Catharine, daughter of Sir Richard Stone. This John was probably Mayor of London, at one time.

IN CIVIL OFFICES, &c.

JOHN, was Mayor of the borough of St. Albans, in the year 1567.

THOMAS, was Bailiff of Hertford, in 1596. Is it improbable that he was father of these children whose baptisms are entered at Hertford?

1st, Edward, baptized June 2, 1588,

2d, William, " " 6, 1590,

3d, John, " " 11, 1591.

" All sons of Thomas Lawrence."

EDWARD, who was Mayor of Hertford, in Hertfordshire, in 1624, '29, '37, '45 and 57. An *Edward* Lawrence was Mayor also in 1666, '74, '79 and 80. There were probably two of the name during this time, in Hertford.

THOMAS, was of University College, Oxford, and at one time a Gentleman Commoner of St. John's College. He was son of Sir John Lawrence, of Chelsea, Middlesex. On the 9th of September, 1663, when St. John's College was visited by the King and Queen, and the Duchess of York, he was a member of that College, and was appointed to speak an address to the royal visitors.

WILLIAM, who became a Gent Commoner of Trinity College, Oxford, in 1631, was the eldest son of William Lawrence, Esq., of Wraxhale, in Dorset, and was born about 1614. He remained three years at Trinity College, and then removed to the Middle Temple, where he became distinguished for his knowledge of municipal law, and as a counsellor. He married a sister of William Sydenham, one of the Lords of Cromwell's Parliament, and was made a Judge for Scotland. He continued in this office until the restoration of Charles I., when he returned to England, and to the practice of law. Various works, written by him, were published in 1680 and 1681. He died in the parish of Bedfont, near Stanes, in Middlesex, somewhere about 1682.

SCHOLARS AND DIVINES.

GILES, was admitted Doctor of Laws, February 12, 1578. He was born in the borough of Gloucestershire, admitted a scholar of C. C. College, Oxford, in 1539, prob. Fellow of All Souls College, in 1542, and was appointed Archdeacon of Wilts, September 18, 1564. He was the successor of one *John* Lawrence, his father, or uncle, and was in great esteem for learning. A certain writer says of him, "This Dr. Lawrence was the light and ornament of the University; brought up and nourished in the bosom of Pallas, in whom nature and unwearied industry had infused and placed all the Greek treasures and riches imaginable." He was living in 1584.

GEORGE, was born about 1615, the son of George Lawrence, of Stepney, near London. He was admitted a Commoner of New Inn at the age of 17, in 1632, and took degrees in the arts. (M. A. 1639.) He became a violent Puritan and a great admirer of the Scotch covenant. In 1642, the time of the rebellion, he was a lecturer of St. George's Church, in Butolph Lane, by Little East Cheap, London. He subsequently took the covenant, and became a preacher in another church in London, then minister of the Hospital of St. Cross, near Winchester, but upon the restoration of the King, was silenced. He continued his labors, however, in London, until his death. Sermons and other works written by him were published, from 1642 to 1675. In 1658 a sermon was published, preached October 13, of the same year, "On the death of Oliver Cromwell," from 2 Chronicles, xxxv: 24: "A good prince bewailed by a good people." In answer to a letter of inquiry as to the common report that

Richard Baxter studied at New Inn with him, among other things he says, "As to myself, my faults are no disgrace to any University, for I was of none, and have little but what I had out of books and from country tutors. Weakness and pain helped me to study how to dye, that set me on studying how to live, and that set me on studying the doctrine from which I must fetch my motives and comforts, and beginning with the necessities, I proceeded to the lesser integrals by degrees, and am now going to see that for which I have lived and studied."

THOMAS, was the son of a minister, and born in Dorsetshire. He became a scholar of Baliol College, Oxford, in 1614, when only 16 years old, and was made a Fellow of All Souls College, in 1618; afterwards a Bachelor of Arts, and proceeding in this faculty became a noted preacher in the University, was Chaplain to the Earl of Pembroke, Prebendary of Litchfield, Doctor of Divinity, Chaplain in Ordinary to Charles I., and by the influence of Archbishop Laud, was appointed Master of Baliol College, and Margaret Professor of Divinity in the University, in the year 1637. He was accounted famous for scholastic divinity, a profound Theologist, and exquisite in the excellences of Greek and Latin. He signed the requisition of the visitors of the University, August 3, 1648, and died December 10, 1657. He was buried at Colne, parish of Somersham, in Huntingdonshire.

The authorities for most of the contents of this sketch are these named: Collier's Dictionary and Guillim's and Newton's Heraldry; Harris's History of Kent, England; Burke's History of the Commoners of England; Burke's Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies; Clutterbuck's History of Hertfordshire; Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses; Gentleman's Magazine; Strype's Annals and Neal's History of the Puritans; Historical Records and Manuscripts.

PART II.

THE GENEALOGY.

- (1) **JOHN LAWRENCE**, of Watertown, is supposed to have come to this country early in the year 1635; landed, probably, at Charlestown, and proceeded thence by the Charles River to Watertown, where he settled. It is highly probable that he was the "John Lawrence" who embarked in the ship *Planter*, bound for New England, having received a certificate from the minister of Great St. Albans, Hertfordshire. He may, therefore, be regarded as a native of St. Albans — by what parents is not yet satisfactorily ascertained — and was born in 1617-18; so that he could not have been more than 19 at the birth of his *first-born*. There are many circumstances tending to confirm the opinion that he was quite young when he settled in Watertown. He received, February 28, 1636, three acres of land, his share of a grant then made to the townsmen, one hundred and six in number. This was the first lot by division, which he received, and afterwards several other lots, as is shown by town records. He was admitted a freeman in 1637. "In 1650 there were sold by the town, at a general meeting, (for the payment of ten pounds due unto John Sherman from the town) unto John Lawrence and others, fifteen acres of common land (called King's Common)."

"December 22, 1652, agreed in general meeting, that John Sherman shall make conveyance, &c., to John Lawrence and others of the land sold them."

"In 1654 Hugh Mason received of John Lawrence, clerk, £2-17-6, money for town or parish use."

We have not room to enumerate the lots of land, some ten or

more, of which he received the grant or ownership, by purchase. Whom he married is not known, except that (as might perhaps be expected, since not a Mary) she was an Elisabeth, and possibly a passenger with him in the ship *Planter*. He had by this his first wife, thirteen children, born in Watertown. About 1660 he removed with his family to Groton, where his wife Elisabeth died, August 29, 1663. He married for his second wife, Nov. 2, 1664, Susanna Batchelder, daughter of William Batchelder, of Charlestown, by whom he had 2 daughters.

John Lawrence, senior, died at Groton, July 11, 1667, leaving his sons Nathaniel and Joseph, and his wife Susanna, executors of his will.

The widow, Susanna Lawrence, died July 8, 1668.

(1) **Family No. 1.** *JOHN* and *Elisabeth* had as follows:

- (2) I. *JOHN*,² b. Mar. 14, 1636, m. about 1657, and lived, probably, in Charlestown. "He is named in the list of those who paid their "countie rate."
- (3) II. *NATHANIEL*,² b. 15-8-1639-2.
- (4) III. *JOSEPH*,² b. — 1-1642, d. 30-3-1642.
- (5) IV. *JOSEPH*,² b. 30-3-1643, m. 1670-1, took freeman's oath 1679.
A proprietor of land in Groton.
- (6) V. *JONATHAN*,² b. d. 6-2-1643-4.
- (7) VI. *MARY*,² b. 16-5-1645, m. 1663, Inego Potter, Charlestown ;
d. 1686-7.
- (8) VII. *PELEG*,² b. 10-11-1647, settled in Groton, -3.
- (9) VIII. *ENOCH*,² b. 5-1-1648-9, " " " -4.
- (10) IX. *SAMUEL*,² b. m. as is thought, 1682, Rebecca Luen,
of Charlestown.
- (11) X. *ISAAC*,² b. m. 19-2-1682, Abigail Bellows, Cambridge.
- (12) XI. *ELISABETH*,² b. May 9, 1655. Not known that she m.
- (13) XII. *JONATHAN*,² b. probably lived a bachelor, d. 1725.
- (14) XIII. *ZECHARIAH*,² b. 9-1-1658-9.

Children by Susanna, the second wife, born in Groton :

- (15) XIV. *ABIGAIL*,² b. Jan. 9, 1666, m. 1-7-1684, Edward Wyar.
- (16) XV. *SUSANNA*,² b. July 3, 1667.

(A *JONATHAN LAWRENCE* and *REBECCA RUTTER* were married 5-9-1677, in Cambridge.) Jonathan of Groton, as is seen by his will, "Gave to y^e town of Groton £100; to y^e Church of Christ in Groton £40, to be laid out for y^e procuring of some silver vessel or vessels for y^e church's use, as they shall order. Also, £20, y^e income to be annually paid or accounted for to y^e settled or ordained minister."

Extracts from the will of John Lawrence, senior, deceased 1667 :

- 1st, Of himself—"I commend my soul into y^e hands of him who gave it, and my body to y^e earth, to a decent burial, in full hope of a joyful resurrection, when in my flesh I shall see God."
- 2d, Of *his wife*—"I will y^t besides what hath been formerly, by legacy, contract, or *otherwise* engaged to my wife, and is her due, there be added to it three score pounds. And my will is y^t she have free and full liberty in the first place, and before any other legacy be paid to make choice, out of the whole Estate, either lands or moveables," provided, if of lands she shall take of land and meadow proportionable," "provided also, that foure oxen be reserved out of the moveables." "And if she will live in the house during the time of her widowhood it shall be without molestation."
- 3d, Of his children—"I will that after my lawful debts and engagements are paid, y^e residue of my estate be disposed to every of my children born to me by *my former wife*, to every and each of you an equal portion."
- 4th, Of Mary—"Only provided y^t my daughter Mary shall have but half y^e portion with y^e rest, to teach her a remembrance of her disobedience and unfaithfulness to me in my distress; and y^e other half of y^e portion shall fall to my son Zechariah, being y^e youngest and incapable of present shifting for himself." The will was witnessed by Samuel Willard and Wm. Lakin, called his "loving friends."

(3) **Family No. 2. Nathaniel,**² m. March 13, 1660, Sarah Moss, of Sudbury, resided in Groton, and had children :

- (17) I. NATHANIEL,³ b. April 4, 1661.
- (18) II. HANNAH,³ b. July 3, 1664.
- (19) III. JOHN,³ b. July 29, 1667. Settled in Lexington, -5.
- (20) IV. MARY,³ b. March 3, 1669-70.
- (21) V. SARAH,³ b. May 16, 1672.
- (22) VI. ELISABETH,³ b. July 6, 1674, d. 20-8-1675.
- (23) VII. DEBORAH,³ b. March 24, 1683.

By Hannah, his second wife, he had also :

- (24) VIII. HANNAH,³ b. April 26, 1687.
- (25) IX. JONATHAN,³ b. June 14, 1696. Lived in Charlestown, and probably in Stoneham, -9.

He was admitted a freeman in 1671, was early chosen a Deacon of the Church, engaged actively in town affairs, was a Representative of Groton in the General Court, under the charter of William and Mary, and thus lived a useful life. His first wife, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, died in Groton in the year 1684. He removed from Groton to Charlestown, as it seems, and thence to Lexington, where he died, April 14, 1724, aged 85 years.

NOTE. While for variety the arrangement of families is somewhat promiscuous, there is a general chronological succession according to their generations, which, with the references used will serve to make

it easy to trace the lineal descent of any individual whose name or family is given. The figures placed before the number of any family refer back to the *name* of the person, where the *birth* and *parents* of such person are found, and his place marked in the whole number. The figures at the end of the line refer forward to his *family*, thus, -25. Those small ones at the end of the *name* indicate the generation, as 1, 2, 3.

(8) **Family No. 3.** *PELEG*,² m. about 1667-8, Elisabeth —, by whom he had children born in Groton.

- (26) I. ELISABETH,³ b. Jan. 9, 1669.
- (27) II. SAMUEL,³ b. Oct. 16, 1671.
- (28) III. ELEAZER,³ b. Feb. 28, 1674. Settled in Littleton, -6.
- (29) IV. JONATHAN,³ b. March 29, 1679.
- (30) V. ABIGAIL,³ b. Oct. 6, 1681.
- (31) VI. JEREMIAH,³ b. Jan. 3, 1686-7, d. April 26, 1687.
- (32) VII. JOSEPH,³ b. June 12, 1688.

In the Inventory of 1695 Daniel and Susanna are named as children of Peleg Lawrence. He died in Groton, 1692, aged 45 years.

(9) **Family No. 4.** *ENOCH*,² m. March 6, 1676-7, Ruth Shattuck, and had

- (33) I. NATHANIEL,³ Feb. 21, 1677-8. Settled in Groton, -8.
- (34) II. DANIEL,³ b. March 7, 1681.
- (35) III. ZECHARIAH,³ b. 16-5-1683. Lived in Pepperell, -7.
- (36) IV. JEREMIAH,³ b. May 1, 1686.

There may have been other children in this family. He died in Groton, Sept. 28, 1744, as it is stated, when he was about 95 years old.

(10) **Family No. 5.** *John*,³ m. about 1686-7, Anna —, and had children, born in Groton, Cambridge ("Farms") and Lexington.

- (37) I. JOHN,⁴ b. June 10, 1688. Lived in Lexington and Woburn, -15.
- (38) II. THOMAS,⁴ b. (One of the elder sons, probably.)
Lived in Groton, -16.
- (39) III. WILLIAM,⁴ b. 1697. Settled in Groton, -14.
- (40) IV. SAMUEL,⁴ b. July 9, 1700. Not known to be living in 1742.
- (41) V. ANNA,⁴ b. Baptized Nov. 1, 1702, m. Benjamin Bancroft, of Charlestown.
- (42) VI. JONATHAN,⁴ b. Feb. 24, 1705-6. He lived in Lexington, -17.
- (43) VII. SARAH,⁴ b. June 20, 1708, m. Josiah Fisk.

(44) VIII. BENJAMIN,⁴ b. May 24, 1713, m. Feb. 12, 1734-5, Jane Russell.

(45) IX. AMOS,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1715-16. Settled in Groton, -20.

John Lawrence and Anna, his wife, were received into the communion of the Church in Lexington, Feb. 9, 1698-9. She died Dec. the 19th, 1732, aged 63 years. He died March 12, 1746-7, aged 79 years, 7 months. He was a man of understanding and piety, active and useful, and sustained important offices and relations in society, devoting himself to the support of schools and the institutions of the Gospel. A few clauses from his will are here given :

1st. *Of himself*—"Calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life; and my body I commit to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God."

2d, "I will that all those debts and duty I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatever shall be well and truly paid, or ordained to be paid in convenient time after my decease, by my executor hereafter named."

3d, *Of Samuel*—"I do give unto my son, Samuel Lawrence, one hundred pounds, old tenor, out of my estate, beside what I have given him. Out of which all his just debts due in this country shall be paid, and the remainder to be refunded to him if living; if not, to be equally divided amongst my other children, it being in full of his part out of my estate."

4th, *Of Anna and Sarah*—"My will is that my daughters, Anna Bancroft and Sarah Fisk, have one hundred pounds a piece, old tenor, out of my estate."

5th, *Of four of his sons*—"My will is that my sons, John Lawrence and William and Benjamin and Amos Lawrence, do have one hundred and twenty pounds a piece, old tenor, out of my estate."

6th, *Of Jonathan*—"I constitute, make and ordain my son, Jonathan Lawrence, my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament." He received, among other things, all his father's "lands in the township of Townsend, undisposed of."

(28) **Family No. 6.** ELEAZER,³ m. Mary —, born about 1679, and had

(46) I. ELISABETH,⁴ b. Feb. 28, 1699.

(47) II. PELEG,⁴ b. June 1, 1701. Went to Pepperell, -10.

(48) III. JONATHAN,⁴ b. Oct. 4, 1703. Settled in Littleton, -18.

(49) IV. DANIEL,⁴ b. Dec. 26, 1705, d. Sept. 28, 1790, aged 85.

(50) V. SAMUEL,⁴ b. May 2, 1714, removed to Ashby, -11.

- (51) VI. EXPERIENCE,⁴ b. June 22, 1719.
 (52) VII. PRUDENCE,⁴ b. April 7, 1722, m. March 4, 1742, Peter Parker.

- (53) VIII. *ELEAZER*,⁴ is given as a son, perhaps the first born. His birth is not recorded on the town records, -19.

Major Eleazer died March 9, 1754, aged 80 years. His widow, Mrs. Mary Lawrence, "departed this Life June y^e 29th, A. D. 1761, in the 82d year of her age."

- (35) **Family No. 7.** *ZECHARIAH*,³ m. about 1706-7, Abigail —, and had these:

- (54) I. *ZECHARIAH*,⁴ b. May 8, 1708, died in Pepperell, Nov. 30, 1790, aged 83 years.
 (55) II. *RUTH*,⁴ b. Sept. 3, 1710, m. Dec. 18, 1729, Elias Elliot.
 (56) III. *JEREMIAH*,⁴ b. Dec. 7, 1713. Settled in Pepperell, -13.
 (57) IV. *JOSIAH*,⁴ b. July 4, 1715.
 (58) V. *ABIGAIL*,⁴ b. May 11, 1718, m. Nov. 23, 1737, Z. Kemp.
 (59) VI. *ELISABETH*,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1720.
 (60) VII. *RACHEL*,⁴ b. 1727, m. John Chamberlin, Jr., died 1756, aged 29.

These children were born in Groton. Their father died in Pepperell, June 18, 1754, aged 71 years.

- (33) **Family No. 8.** *NATHANIEL*,³ m. Anna —, of Groton, and had the following:

- (61) I. *NATHANIEL*,⁴ b. May 3, 1702.
 (62) II. *JAMES*,⁴ b. Aug. 26, 1705, m. 1732-3, Mary Martin. Died in Pepperell, Jan. 27, 1800, aged 96. His wife died 1799, aged 87.
 (63) III. *ANNA*,⁴ b. July 3, 1708.
 (64) IV. *ENOCH*,⁴ b. Nov. 15, 1710. Went to Pepperell, -12.
 (65) V. *SARAH*,⁴ b. March 15, 1713.
 (66) VI. *MARTHA*,⁴ b. Dec. 7, 1717, m. William Blood, of Groton.
 (67) VII. *BENJAMIN*,⁴ b. Nov. 6, 1720. Lieut. Benjamin d. in Groton, 1807, aged 87.
 (68) VIII. *REBECCA*,⁴ b. April 17, 1724.
 (69) IX. *LOIS*,⁴ b. Sept. 26, 1726.
 (70) X. *EUNICE*,⁴ b. July 25, 1728, d. Nov. 15, 1747, aged 19 years. Mrs. Anna Lawrence died Sept. 31, 1758, aged 73 years, 8 months and 21 days. Her husband lived till Sept. 12, 1765, and died, aged 87 years, 6 months and 21 days.

- (25) **Family No. 9.** *JONATHAN*,³ m. Hannah —, by whom he had

(71) I. *JONATHAN*,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1724, in Charlestown. Settled in Woburn, -31.

(72) II. *EBENEZER*,⁴ b. Lived in Stoneham with his father, and is probably the person who married and had a son Ebenezer, born in Stoneham, Sept. 19, 1769. He was much engaged in town affairs up to 1780. May 20, 1765, he was chosen one of the Committee to tune the Psalm in the Stoneham Congregation. Deacon Jonathan was two or three times chosen moderator of the town meeting, from 1760 to 1767, and took an active part in town and parish business, until near his death, which is said to have occurred about 1774, when he was nearly 80 years old.

(47) **Family No. 10.** *Peleg*,⁴ m. Ruth —, and had children born in Groton.

(73) I. *OLIVER*,⁵ b. March 18, 1728. Settled in Hollis, N. H., -25.

(74) II. *RUTH*,⁵ b. Jan. 28, 1730.

(75) III. *MARY*,⁵ b. March 23, 1733.

(76) IV. *EPHRAIM*,⁵ b. March 31, 1735. Studied medicine, and practised in Pepperell, -27.

(77) V. *ASA*,⁵ b. June 14, 1737, m. July 27, 1758, Abigail King, of Littleton. [?]

(78) VI. *SARAH*,⁵ b. July 24, 1739, d. in Pepperell, July 24, 1757, aged 18 years.

He was dismissed from the Church of Groton, first parish, and signed the covenant of the Church in the West Parish, (so called) gathered Jan. 29, 1746-7. On the building of a meeting house, the parish "voted Nov. 23, 1744, that Peleg Lawrence and Josiah Sartell be a committee to the Great and General Court concerning y^e having a meeting house place in said parish."

He was chosen a Deacon, Aug. 23, 1754, and died July 27, 1757, in his 57th year. Ruth Lawrence, the widow of Dea. Peleg, died the 4th of September, 1757, aged about 57 years. The memorial on the gravestone of Dea. Peleg reads thus:

"A Man of Wisdom, Prudence, Honesty,
Public Spiritedness and Piety,
The poor Man's Friend.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(50) **Family No. 11.** *SAMUEL*,⁴ m. May 6, 1737, Mary Hildreth, of Westford, by whom he had children, born in Littleton.

(79) I. *SAMUEL*,⁵ b. Jan. 24, 1738, m. twice, had a family, died in Ashby.

- (80) II. JOSEPH,⁵ b. Sept. 6, 1739, settled in Littleton, had children.
 (81) III. CHARLES,⁵ b. Jan. 20, 1741, went to Ashby to settle, -30.
 (82) IV. MARY,⁵ b. She went with her father to Ashby
 somewhere about 1788-9. Mrs. Mary Lawrence died in
 Littleton, March 17, 1788, aged 70 years. Her husband
 died in Ashby, the time not known.

(64) **Family No. 12.** ENOCH⁴ (or ENOSH) m. Jan. 29, 1733-4,
 Sarah Stearns, and had

- (83) I. SAMUEL,⁵ b. Sept. 12, 1734.
 (84) II. RICHARD,⁵ b. July 15, 1736.
 (85) III. ENOCH,⁵ b. July 24, 1738.
 (86) IV. SARAH,⁵ b. Aug. 6, 1740.
 (87) V. LYDIA,⁵ b. July 16, 1742.
 (88) VI. STEPHEN,⁵ b. March 23, 1744.
 (89) VII. DANIEL,⁵ b. March 28, 1746, d. probably Oct. 2, 1751.
 (90) VIII. HANNAH,⁵ b. April 12, 1748.

"At a parish meeting held March 15, 1743, voted to abate
 Enosh Lawrence's rates, provided y^e parish have y^e benefit
 of his house to meet in on Lord's Days." "Enosh Law-
 rence and wife were dismissed (from the Church in Pep-
 perell) to the Church in Mason, N. H., in 1772."

(56) **Family No. 13.** JEREMIAH⁴ m. March 23, 1736, Elisabeth
 Chamberlin. Their children were:

- (91) I. ABIGAIL,⁵ b. Aug. 17, 1738, d. Sept. 18, 1738.
 (92) II. ABIGAIL,⁵ b. Aug. 23, 1739.
 (93) III. MARY,⁵ b. Jan. 12, 1743-4, d. Jan. 30, 1743-4.
 (94) IV. ELISABETH,⁵ b. May 19, 1745, m. probably, 1769, Eben-
 ezer Gibson.
 (95) V. JEREMIAH,⁵ b. July 30, 1748, m. probably Feb. 1, 1774,
 Anna Woods.
 (96) VI. ESTHER,⁵ b. d. Sept. 9, 1753, as is stated.
 Jeremiah Lawrence and wife were dismissed from Groton,
 First Church, to the Church formed in the West Parish,
 (Pepperell) Jan. 29, 1746-7. He was chosen a Deacon
 Jan. 11, 1748 — the first of that Church.

His memorial is, that "He was a man of Unfeigned
 Sincerity, strict Religion, and experimental Piety. He
 lived beloved, and died universally lamented, with a full
 assurance of going to Rest, Aug. 29th, 1759, aged 47
 years."

"Mrs. Elisabeth, widow of Dea. Jeremiah Lawrence,
 died Feb. 1, 1774, In her 60th year."

- (39) **Family No. 14.** *William*,⁴ m. June 17, 1722, Susannah Prescott, daughter of Jonas Prescott, of Groton. She was born in 1691-2. Her father, deceased in 1723, aged 75, was the son, as is said, of John Prescott, of Lancaster, where he died in 1683, but formerly of Watertown, to which place he came from Lancashire, England, in 1640. William and Susannah had children.
- (97) I. *WILLIAM*,⁵ b. May 7, 1723, settled in Lincoln, -28.
- (98) II. *SUSANNAH*,⁵ b. Feb. 5, 1725, m. about 1750, Hon. James Prescott.
- (99) III. *ANNA*,⁵ b. Jan. 29, 1727-8, m. Israel Hobart, d. 1791, aged 64 years.
- (100) IV. *ABEL*,⁵ b. Feb. 25, 1729-30, lived in Groton, -24.
- (101) V. *SARAH*,⁵ b. March 12, 1732, m. Rev. Joseph Perry, of East Windsor, Conn., d. 1778.
- (102) VI. *PHEBE*,⁵ b. Sept. 20, 1734, m. Jonathan Bancroft.

EPITAPH. — "Here lye the remains of Col. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, who departed this life May 19, A. D. 1764, Anno .Ætatis 67.

"He was a gentleman who, in military life, rose from the rank of Capt. Lieut. to the command of a regiment. In the year 1739, he was made Justice of the Peace, afterwards Quorum Unus, a special Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Middlesex, and a standing Justice of that county. He for many years represented the town of Groton, with the districts of Pepperell and Shirley in the General Assembly of this province. In all his public betrustments he acquitted himself with fidelity and honour. In private life his behaviour was becoming his Christian profession. He was remarkably industrious in the improvement of time, just in his dealings, a good neighbour, a faithful friend, patient of injuries, and ready to forgive them; grateful to benefactors, very ready in affording assistance to the widow and fatherless, and merciful to all proper objects of pity. He was a strict observer of the Lord's Day, a constant and serious attender on the public exercises of religion, and devout worshipper of God in his family."

"Blessed are the dead who dye in the Lord."

"Here also lies Buried the Body of Mrs Susanna Lawrence, Relict of the above named Col. Wm Lawrence. She was a woman of Piety and good sense, an industrious, prudent wife, an indulgent parent, a good neighbour, a faithful Friend, a hater of Hypocrisy and Guile, a lover of Hospitality, Patient under affliction and Resigned to the will of Heaven in death, by which she was called out of the world to receive the Rewards of a faithful servant, on the 10th of September, in the 80th year of her Age, A. D. 1771."

- (37) **Family No. 15.** *JOHN*,⁴ m. May 18, 1710, Elisabeth, daughter of Dea. Samuel Stone, born in Lexington, June 19, 1693, and had these:
- (103) I. *ELISABETH*,⁵ b. May 12, 1711, m. June 22, 1732, Thos. Ditson.

- (104) II. JOHN,⁵ b. Sept. 21, 1713, m. Oct. 23, 1736, Mary Simonds.
 "He lived a while in Medford and went to Maine."
 (105) III. SAMUEL,⁵ b. Oct. 3, 1715.
 (106) IV. ISAAC,⁵ b. Nov. 27, 1717.
 (107) V. ANNA,⁵ b. Aug. 8, 1720, m. 1740, James Simonds, of Woburn.
 (108) VI. NATHANIEL,⁵ b. m., had a daughter Olive,
 b. 1749; in 1754 he went to New Hampshire.
 (109) VII. REBECCA,⁵ b. m. 1st, 1751, Thomas Lock;
 2d, 1795, N. Eaton.
 (110) VIII. MARY,⁵ b. m. May 30, 1738, Wm. Tuttle, d.
 before 1757.

"Mr. John Lawrence departed this life January 22, Anno Domini 1752, in y^e 63d year of his age."

At the first precinct meeting of that part of Woburn now called Burlington, held Nov. 1730, "JOHN LARRANCE" was chosen collector, and in a tax of £40 then granted for the support of preaching, assessed upon one hundred and two persons, his rate was 13s 1d. In a tax of £400 granted March 29, 1732, towards building a meeting house assessed upon 110 persons, his rate of £10 8s 7d was the highest save one, on the list.

(*) **Family No. 16.** THOMAS,⁴ m. 1713, Prudence —, whose children were these:

- (111) I. PRUDENCE,⁵ b. Sept. 14, 1715, m. 1732-3, Samuel Cummings.
 (112) II. MARY,⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1718.
 (113) III. THOMAS,⁵ b. Sept. 3, 1720, went to Pepperell, -22.
 (114) IV. JONATHAN,⁵ b. Sept. 2, 1725, settled in Groton, -23.
 Mr. Thomas Lawrence is supposed to have died before 1729.

(*) **Family No. 17.** Jonathan,⁴ m. Feb. 26, 1726-7, Elisabeth Swain, of Lexington, b. 1707, whose children were as follows:

- (115) I. ELISABETH,⁵ b. Feb. 19, 1727-8, d. Jan. 16, 1732-3, aged 5 years.
 (116) II. MARY,⁵ b. Nov. 30, 1729, m. Jan. 18, 1750, Abijah Smith, of Lexington.
 (117) III. SARAH,⁵ b. Dec. 15, 1731, m. Jan. 30, 1752, Jonathan Reed, afterwards of Littleton.
 (118) IV. JONATHAN,⁵ b. Feb. 5, 1733-4, lived in Woburn and Ashby, -32.
 (119) V. BEZALEEL,⁵ b. April 13, 1736, settled in Lexington, -26.

- (120) VI. *MICAH*,⁵ b. March 15, 1738-9, was settled in Winchester, N. H., -33.
- (122) VII. *ELISABETH*,⁵ b. Dec. 13, 1741, m. Nov. 7, 1764, Thaddeus Bowman, of Lexington.
- (123) VIII. *ANNA*,⁵ b. March 19, 1745-6, d. July 18, 1753, aged 7 years and 4 months.
- (124) IX. *JOHN*,⁵ b. June 5, 1748, removed to Ashby, -35.
- (125) X. *BENJAMIN*,⁵ b. Sept. 13, 1750, d. June 19, 1753, aged 2 years and 9 months.

Jonathan, senior, held various offices of duty and trust in town during his life. "Dec. 28, 1761, an order was passed (in town meeting) to pay said Jonathan Lawrence £2-13-4 for his wife's keeping one of y^e women's schools." This clause from his will is given:

"I give my negroes among all my children, to be settled among them as they shall agree, as soon as may be after my decease."

"My dear children live in love and peace and y^e God of love and peace will be with you."

He died "March the 19th, 1773, in the 68th year of His Age."

"Mrs. Elisabeth Lawrence, Relict, &c., died July 4, 1790, Aged 83 years."

A piece of domestic linen, part of a cloak or shawl worn for a Sunday dress by Mrs Elisabeth above, (as it is said) handed down through the family of Col. Jona. Reed, of Littleton, is now in the possession of Mrs. Louisa Hosmer, of Cambridge.

(48) **Family No. 18. Jonathan**,⁴ m. about 1726-7, Tryphena Powers, of Groton, [?] and had children, born in Littleton.

- (126) I. *JONATHAN*,⁵ b. Aug. 28, 1728, removed from Littleton to Ashby, -21.
- (127) II. *ISAAC*,⁵ b. May 19, 1731, d. Feb. 6, 1756, in his 25th year.
- (128) III. *ABEL*,⁵ b. July 16, 1733, went to Penobscot, Maine, had a family.
- (129) IV. *TRYPHENA*,⁵ b. Sept. 26, 1735, m. 1754, Jonas Lawrence, of Canaan, N. H.
- (130) V. *BETTY*,⁵ b. Feb. 24, 1737, m. 1754, William Stevens, of Littleton.
- (131) VI. *OLIVE*,⁵ b. May 19, 1740, m. — Fletcher.
- (132) VII. *PETER*,⁵ b. Oct. 17, 1742, settled in Ashby, -34.
- (133) VIII. *ABIGAIL*,⁵ b. July 26, 1745, m. probably Sept. 15, 1761, Parker Dole.
- (134) IX. *TIMOTHY*,⁵ b. March 31, 1748, lived in Littleton, d. in Hollis, N. H., -36.

(135) X. LUCY,⁵ b. May 15, 1750, m. Samuel Clark, of Lincoln.

(136) XI. BENJAMIN,⁵ b. Aug. 2, 1752.

"Mrs. Tryphena Lawrence Departed this life August y^e 25, A. D. 1752, In y^e 42 year of Her Age."

He married, Oct. 10, 1754, Lydia Fletcher, of Groton. He was elected a Deacon of the Church in Littleton, Aug. 26, 1763. "Dea. Jonathan Lawrence departed this life Dec. y^e 8th, 1789, Aged 86 years 1 month and 23 days."

"Mrs. Lydia Lawrence, wife of Dea. Jonathan Lawrence, died (in Hollis, N. H.) March 21, 1803, in the 90th year of her age."

"An excellent woman."

A basin called the "*Christening Basin*," said to have been used at the christening of the first child baptized in Groton, handed down through Dea. Jonathan Lawrence's descendants, has been given into my keeping by Mrs. Dorcas Fletcher, a granddaughter of his, now over 70 years old.

(³³) **Family No. 19.** ELEAZER,⁴ m. June 25, 1731, Lucy Tuttle, and had,

(137) I. LUCY,⁵ b. Feb. 29, 1731-2, m. Feb. 20, 1755, Thomas Comings.

(138) II. PETER,⁵ b. Feb. 20, 1732-3, d. Sept. 27, 1735.

(139) III. ELEAZER,⁵ b. Aug. 11, 1735.

(140) IV. JOSIAH,⁵ b. " " " d. Sept. 27, 1735.

(141) V. MARY,⁵ b. July 27, 1737, m. Jan. 21, 1762, Jonathan Fletcher.

(142) VI. SIMON,⁵ b. Jan. 11, 1739, m. 1769, Sybil Robbins, d. 1795.

(143) VII. SUSANNAH,⁵ b. Nov. 3, 1740, m. Oct. 15, 1761, Isaac Spaulding.

(144) VIII. DAVID,⁵ b. Jan. 26, 1742. Dea. David d. in Littleton in 1827, or was he a son?

(145) IX. SARAH,⁵ b. Jan. 4, 1745, d. March 28, 1753.

(146) X. and XI. *Another couple of sons*, b. Jan. 1, 1747, d. the same day.

(⁴⁵) **Family No. 20.** AMOS,⁴ m. Nov. 7, 1749, Abigail Abbott, by whom he had,

(147) I. AMOS,⁵ b. Sept. 9, 1750, lived in Groton, -29.

(148) II. NEHEMIAH,⁵ b. Jan. 14, 1752.

(149) III. SAMUEL,⁵ b. April 24, 1754, settled in Groton, -39.

(150) IV. ASA,⁵ b. Jan. 1, 1756, d. Nov. 6, 1759.

Mrs. Abigail Lawrence died Jan. 6, 1784. Her husband survived until June 20, 1735, when he died, aged 70 years.

(126) **Family No. 21.** *JONATHAN*,⁵ m. Oct. 31, 1751, Martha Leighton, whose children were,

(151) I. *MARTHA*,⁶ b. May 20, 1752, m. Feb. 13, 1769, Daniel Stone, of Groton, grandfather of Rev. B. P. Stone, of Concord, N. H.

(152) II. *JOHN*,⁶ b. Oct. 7, 1754.

(153) III. *ISAAC*,⁶ b. Oct. 19, 1756, m. 1778, Anna Hodgman.

(154) IV. *SARAH*,⁶ b. " " " d. Dec. 28, 1756.

(155) V. *JONATHAN*,⁶ b. 1760, d. in Ashby, Jan. 28, 1778, aged 18 years.

Mr. Jonathan Lawrence died in Ashby, Dec. 2, 1775, aged 47 years.

(113) **Family No. 22.** *THOMAS*,⁵ m. July 31, 1744, Sarah Houghton, and had,

(156) I. *EDMUND*,⁶ b. April 14, 1745, said to have gone west when young.

(157) II. *SARAH*,⁶ b. Feb. 20, 1747, m. probably, 1772, Abijah Parker.

(158) III. *ALICE*,⁶ b. Sept. 13, 1749.

(159) IV. *MARIA*,⁶ b. April 5, 1752.

(160) V. *THOMAS*,⁶ b. Dec. 25, 1757, settled in Pepperell and had a family, -45.

Mr. Thomas Lawrence, senior, died in Pepperell, as it is stated, in 1758.

(114) **Family No. 23.** *JONATHAN*,⁵ m. Esther —, and had these:

(161) I. *MARY*,⁶ b. Jan. 2, 1744, d. in Tyngsboro', Nov. 6, 1826, aged 82.

(162) II. *ESTHER*,⁶ b. Dec. 15, 1746, d. in Rindge, N. H., Feb. 18, 1817.

(163) III. *PRUDENCE*,⁶ b. Nov. 30, 1748.

(164) IV. *SARAH*,⁶ b. May 30, 1751.

(165) V. *JONATHAN*,⁶ b. Oct. 15, 1753, d. in Charlestown, N. H.

(166) VI. *THOMAS*,⁶ b. Jan. 15, 1756, d. Jan. 24, 1756.

(167) VII. *ANNA*,⁶ b. Jan. 18, 1757.

(168) VIII. *LEVI*,⁶ b. Aug. 14, 1759, d. in Thetford, Vt.

(169) IX. *ABIGAIL*,⁶ b. June 13, 1761, d. Dec. 3, 1761.

(170) X. *WILLIAM*,⁶ b. Dec. 4, 1762, d. in Washington, N. H.

(171) XI. *ASA*,⁶ b. March 13, 1765, lived in Groton, -42.

(172) XII. *JOEL*,⁶ b. July 21, 1767, settled in Groton, -43.

A Levi Lawrence married, June 12, 1781, Elisabeth Holden, of Pepperell. Mr. Jonathan Lawrence is said to have

been a large landholder in Groton. He died April 12, 1806, aged 81 years.

- (100) **Family No. 24.** **Abel**,⁵ m. about 1750, Mary, daughter of John Bulkley, Esq., of Groton. She was born in Concord, Jan. 9, 1727. Her father, born 1703, died in Groton, 1772, aged 69, and was the son of Joseph Bulkley, whose father was Peter Bulkley, son of the Rev. Peter Bulkley. This last was born at Woodhill, in Bedfordshire, England, Jan. 1583, educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, came to New England in 1635, and was settled, in 1636, over the Church in Concord, which he had gathered, the twelfth in the colony. Abel⁵ and Mary had children —

- (173) I. ABEL,⁶ b. Oct. 14, 1752, d. July 14, 1753.
 (174) II. JOHN,⁶ b. " " " drowned June 5, 1771.
 (175) III. ABEL,⁶ b. July 31, 1754, settled in Salem, -44.
 (176) IV. MARY,⁶ b. July 12, 1757, d. Sept. —, 1787, aged 30 years. Mary, wife of Abel Lawrence, died in Groton, Aug. 22, 1801, in the 74th year of her age, and was entombed in her father's (Col. Bulkley's) tomb. The following is the inscription on the gravestone of Abel Lawrence, Esq.:

"Memento Mori."—"Here lie the remains of Abel Lawrence, Esq., son of the late Col. Wm. Lawrence, and Susanna, his wife. Being formed by the God of the spirits of all flesh with superiour intellectual abilities, he was called forth in early life to the management of public business, and acquitted himself therein with honor. He was for several years a member of the General Court, and a Justice of the Peace. He was affable in his disposition; when he saw any in distress he felt for them, and was ready to relieve them to the utmost of his power. He was pious without ostentation—believing in a state of immortality, he endeavoured to secure happiness therein by the exercise of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus. After patiently enduring a long and distressing illness, he submitted to the stroke of all Conquering Death, on the 20 Sept, A. D. 1770, Anno Ætatis 41."

- (73) **Family No. 25.** **OLIVER**,⁵ m. 1751-2, Mary —, and had children.

- (177) I. MARY,⁶ b. Nov. 4, 1753, d. Jan. 31, 1756.
 (178) II. OLIVER,⁶ b. Oct. 7, 1755.
 (179) III. PELEG,⁶ b. Aug. 7, 1757.
 (180) IV. NOAH,⁶ b. Nov. 3, 1760.
 (181) V. DANIEL,⁶ b. April 26, 1762. Lived in Hollis, and had a family, -47.
 (182) VI. SILAS,⁶ b. June 19, 1764.
 (183) VII. MOLLY,⁶ b. May 25, 1767, d. April 22, 1799, aged 32 years.

- (184) VIII. AMOS,⁶ b. Aug. 6, 1769.
 (185) IX. EBER,⁶ b. Oct. 28, 1771.
 (186) X. AARON,⁶ b. May 5, 1774.
 (187) XI. SARAH,⁶ b. Oct. 4, 1777.

A few only of the descendants of this family are now living in Hollis.

EPITAPHS.

"Remember Death."

"Erected
 in memory of Mr.
 OLIVER LAWRENCE,
 Who departed this life
 April 2d, 1797, in the
 69th year of his age."

"In Memory of

Mrs. MARY LAWRENCE, Relict
 of Mr. Oliver Lawrence,
 Who departed this life
 July 20th, 1799 in the
 66th year of her age."

"In the cold Mansions of the silent tomb,
 How still the solitude! how deep the gloom.
 Here sleeps the dust unconscious close confin'd,
 But far, far distant dwells the immortal Mind."

- (188) I. SARAH,⁶ b. Sept. 3, 1759, m. Nov. 15, 1781, John Smith, of Lexington, and had,
 (189) II. ANNA,⁶ b. May 17, 1761, d. April 4, 1845, aged 84 years.
 (190) III. BEZALEEL,⁶ b. April 12, 1763, said to have settled in Leominster.
 (191) IV. ESTHER,⁶ b. June 30, 1765, m. 1784, John Hastings.
 (192) V. BETHIAH,⁶ b. Sept. 25, 1767, d. April 19, 1801, in her 34th year.
 (193) VI. JONAS,⁶ b. Feb. 27, 1770, settled in Lexington, -41.
 (194) VII. JONATHAN,⁶ b. Sept. 11, 1774, lived in Lexington, -54.
 "He departed this life Feb. 6th, 1797, in the 61st year of His age." "Mrs. Sarah Lawrence died Feb. 4, 1819, Æt. 81 years."
- (76) **Family No. 27.** EPHRAIM,⁵ m. March 3, 1768, Anna Fisk, and had,
 (195) I. EBENEZER,⁶ b. Jan. 9, 1770, graduated at Harvard College, 1795, studied Medicine, and m. 1800, Abigail Leavitt. Has had a large family, four only now living. A son, Ephraim A., lives in Pepperell, and has children. Dr. Ebenezer Lawrence now lives in Hampton, N. H., aged 77 years.
 (196) II. ANNA,⁶ b. July 26, 1772, m. Brown Farrar, of New Ipswich.
 (197) III. RUTH,⁶ b. April 8, 1777. This daughter by Ruth, 2d wife, m. Elijah Smith, of New Ipswich.

- (198) IV. SARAH,⁶ b. April 18, 1779, d. Dec. 16, 1779.
 (199) V. GEORGE W.,⁶ b. Oct. 1, 1780, m. Dorcas True, d. in Charlestown, N. H.
 (200) VI. SARAH,⁶ b. Aug. 28, 1782.
 (201) VII. MARY EMERSON,⁶ b. Nov. 27, 1784, m. Luther Lakin, d. in Troy, N. Y., 1830.
 (202) VIII. THEODOSIA,⁶ b. m. for her 2d husband, Luther Lakin.

"Mrs. Anna, wife of Dr. Ephraim Lawrence, departed this life June 12, 1774, aged 27 years." "Her husband most tenderly laments the loss of an affectionate, prudent, virtuous and pious wife, taken from him in the bloom of Life, but mourns not as those without hope, as he hath a firm belief and certain expectation of a glorious resurrection of all those who sleep in Christ." [Inscription.]

- (97) **Family No. 28. William,**⁵ m. Feb. 7, 1750-1, Love, only daughter of John and Love Adams, of Lincoln, who was born June 23, 1725, by whom he had,
 (203) I. WILLIAM,⁶ b. April 10, 1752, settled in Lincoln, -40.
 (204) II. LOVE,⁶ b. April 18, 1754, m. 1774, Dr. Joseph Adams, d. in England, 1803.
 (205) III. JOHN PRESCOTT,⁶ b. Dec. 24, 1755, m. 1786, Abby Kane, settled as a Physician at Fort Edwards, N. Y., had a family, d. Jan. 28, 1808.
 (206) IV. SUSANNA,⁶ b. Jan. 4, 1758, m. Lieut. Ede, had children, d. 1836.
 (207) V. SARAH,⁶ b. May 12, 1760, m. Oct. 30, 1783, Samuel Bass, Esq., of Randolph, a graduate of Harvard College, 1782. She had 7 children, d. Oct. 12, 1822. He died Feb. 1, 1842, aged 85 years.
 (208) VI. PHEBE,⁶ b. Sept. 2, 1762, m. Oct. 30, 1783, Rev. Edmund Foster, of Littleton, born in Reading, 1752, graduated at Yale College, 1778, d. 1826, aged 74 years, having preached 47. They had children. Mrs. Foster d. 1812, aged 50.
 (209) VII. ANNA,⁶ b. March 25, 1764, m. James de Wolf, of Nova Scotia, d. Dec. 8, 1807.
 (210) VIII. MARY,⁶ b. Nov. 1, 1767, m. Asa Brooks, of Concord, d. in Sept. 1812.
 (211) IX. ABEL,⁶ b. Aug. 23, 1771, m. Mary Hodge, of St. Germain, Eng., d. Sept. 1, 1810, leaving 6 children. A son is now a Druggist in Liscard, Eng.
 Rev. William Lawrence entered Harvard College in 1739, when in his 17th year, graduated 1743, and was ordained

pastor of the Church in Lincoln, Dec. 7, 1748. "During his labors the Church enjoyed great peace. The number of persons admitted into full communion was one hundred and twenty-two, baptisms six hundred and five, marriages one hundred and twenty-two, and two hundred and ninety-four deaths." "In Memory of Rev. Wm. Lawrence, A. M., Pastor of the Church of Christ in Lincoln, who died April 11, 1780, in the 57th year of his age, and 32d of his Ministry. He was a gentleman of good abilities, both natural and acquired, a judicious divine, a faithful Minister and firm supporter of the order of the Churches."

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Mrs. Love Lawrence died Jan. 3, 1820, aged 95 years.

(147) **Family No. 29.** AMOS,⁵ m. 1771-2, Betty —, by whom he had these:

(212) I. AMOS,⁶ b. Sept. 30, 1773, d. Oct. 4, 1773.

(213) II. ABIGAIL,⁶ b. Oct. 9, 1774, d. Aug. 13, 1775.

(214) III. AMOS,⁶ b. July 10, 1776, d. April 17, 1822.

(215) IV. ABIGAIL,⁶ b. April 27, 1778.

(216) V. ASA,⁶ b. July 21, 1780.

(217) VI. BETSY,⁶ b. June 24, 1782, m. "about 1804, Dr. Lovejoy, of Townsend, d. about 1827, aged 45 years. Dr. Lovejoy has a son Lawrence, in Oregon, and Amos Lawrence a son in Baltimore. He has been a very good Physician, and is now 72 years old."

Mrs. Betty Lawrence died July 24, 1822, aged 72 years.

Her husband died May 1, 1825, aged 75 years.

(81) **Family No. 30.** CHARLES,⁵ m. about 1762, Naomi —, and had,

(218) I. SARAH,⁶ b. Feb. 29, 1764.

(219) II. LEVI,⁶ b. Jan. 8, 1767, d. March 27, 1787.

(220) III. REUBEN,⁶ b. Jan. 27, 1768, m. 1794-5, Lois Tenney, d. 1844, aged 76.

(221) IV. ALETHON,⁶ b. Oct. 15, 1771, settled in Ashby, -52.

(222) V. JONAS,⁶ b. Oct. 20, 1773, d. April 8, 1774.

(223) VI. POLLY,⁶ b. March 16, 1778.

(224) VII. STEPHEN,⁶ b. May 28, 1780, m. 1803, Sally Maynard.

(225) VIII. AMOS,⁶ b. Oct. 12, 1781, m. probably, 1804, Lydia Shattuck.

Mrs. Naomi Lawrence died June 2, 1805, aged 62 years.

Her husband lived until May 22, 1825, and died, aged 84 years and 4 months.

"How blest is old Age —
Now bereft his mind
Of all that could burden.
How easy her soul — that has left
This wearisome body behind."

(71) **Family No. 31.** *JONATHAN*,⁴ m. 1750, Rachel Wright, of Woburn, and had,

(226) I. *JONATHAN*,⁵ b. May 24, 1752, lived in Ashby. He was a Deacon; d. 1817, aged 65, has a son in Nashville, Tenn.

(227) II. *JOSEPH*,⁵ b. Nov. 12, 1754, settled in Woburn, d. 1836, aged 81.

(228) III. *EBENEZER*,⁵ b. Oct. 16, 1757, settled in Woburn, —38.

(229) IV. *RACHEL*,⁵ b. Oct. —, 1760.

(230) V. *NATHANIEL*,⁵ b. July 2, 1764, minister in Tyngsboro', —37.

(231) VI. *RUTH*,⁵ b. Feb. 12, 1767, probably m. 1812, James Weston, of Reading.

Mr. Jonathan Lawrence died in Woburn, Aug. 1, 1793, aged 68 years. On the stone erected in memory of Joseph Lawrence, Esq., are these lines:

"O death the kindest and the best,
Welcome the hour my aged limbs
Are laid with thee at rest!
The Great, the Wealthy fear thy blow,
From pomp and pleasure torn.
But oh! a blest relief to those
That weary-laden mourn"

(118) **Family No. 32.** *JONATHAN*,⁵ m. Dec. 13, 1757, Elisabeth Johnson, of Woburn, and had,

(232) I. *JONATHAN*,⁶ b. Dec. 11, 1758, d. in Ashby, 1806, aged 47.

(233) II. *ELISABETH*,⁶ b. April 26, 1761, m. 1779, Joseph Wheeler.

(234) III. *BENJAMIN*,⁶ b. May 23, 1764, settled in Ashby, —51.

(235) IV. *DORCAS*,⁶ b. Sept. 17, 1766, m. 1790, John E. Stone, of Ashby.

(236) V. *MICAH*,⁶ b. Aug. 22, 1769, m. 1796, Hannah Bunker.

(237) VI. *WM. JOHNSON*,⁶ b. Jan. 1, 1773, settled in Ashburnham. Was a Deacon, d. 1844.

(238) VII. *RUSHA*,⁶ b. May 23, 1775, m. 1796, Bartholomew Ballard. Mrs. Elisabeth Lawrence, died in Ashby, Dec. 26, 1782, aged 46 years. Mr. Jonathan Lawrence died Nov. 26, 1799, aged 65 years.

- (120) **Family No. 33. Micah,**⁵ m. 1765, Eunice, daughter of Col. Josiah Willard. She was born in Winchester, N. H., March, 1745, a descendant of Major Simon Willard, "a Kentish Souldier," who came from the county of Kent, Eng., as early as 1634-5, resided a short time in Cambridge, and settled in Concord, 1636. He was for a long time town clerk, and 14 years a representative of the town. He had three wives, the last two sisters of President Dunster, of Cambridge, and by these seventeen children, the original stock of the Willards of New England. *Micah* and Eunice had children as follows:
- (239) I. EUNICE,⁶ b. July 22, 1767, who has been twice married, and now lives with a son, Solomon Ware, at Niagara Falls.
- (240) II. ZULIMA,⁶ b. May 26, 1769, m. — Fairfield, had children, d. 1805.
- (241) III. ABIGAIL,⁶ b. May 5, 1771, m. — Root, d. in Pittsfield, Mass.
- (242) IV. HUBBARD,⁶ b. March 7, 1773, settled in St. Johnsbury, Vt., -55.
- (243) V. SUSANNAH,⁶ b. June 21, 1775, m. Joseph Pierce, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has had children, now a widow, and living with a daughter, Mrs. Willey.
- (244) VI. BETSY,⁶ b. March 24, 1777, m. Henry Marsh, Esq., of Dalton, Mass. Had several children, many years a widow, d. 1847, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Kirtredge, Hinsdale, Mass., aged 70 years. H. Marsh, Esq., a son, lives in Ohio, and has a family of enterprising children.
- (245) VII. SALLY PERRY,⁶ b. March 9, 1779, m. Marshal Jones, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., his 2d wife, with whom she now lives, a faithful woman.
- (246) VIII. SOLOMON WILLARD,⁶ b. April 26, 1783, m. Mary Cole, lives in Dalton, Mass., has children, Hubbard, son, Mary and Harriet, daughters. These were all born in Winchester, N. H., where Rev. Micah Lawrence settled.

Rev. Micah Lawrence, son of Jonathan, of Lexington, entered Harvard College 1755, when in his 17th year, graduated in his 21st, 1759, was a short time engaged in teaching, at Worcester, 1760, and at the age of 25 was ordained and settled as pastor of the Church of Christ in Winchester, N. H., Nov. 14, 1764. The Rev. Joseph Ashley had preceded him, as the first minister of the town. He was a graduate of Yale College, 1730, ordained

and settled in 1736. The Church having been dispersed by an irruption made upon the settlement, was gathered anew and reorganized at the settlement of Mr. Lawrence. The council convened for the purpose, consisted of Rev. J. Ashley, (moderator,) and delegate from Sunderland, Rev. William Lawrence, (who preached the sermon,) and delegate from Lincoln, Rev. Jonas Clark, with Deacon James Browne, and Jonathan Lawrence, delegates from Lexington; Rev. John Hubbard, (scribe,) and delegate from Northfield, and the Rev. C. Sumner, from Keene, N. H. The articles of agreement were signed by Micah Lawrence, Josiah Willard and Phillip Goss. Rev. Mr. Lawrence labored here for thirteen years, with a good measure of success. His style of writing was characterized by method, clearness, closeness, and strength. In doctrine scriptural and sound, in order and discipline careful and unyielding, his constant reference was to the law and the testimony. Highly conservative in spirit, and loyal beyond most of that day, his political sentiments became the occasion of disaffection among a portion of the people; yet it was not until after a second or third council had acted upon the matter, that a dismission was obtained, the only ground of dissatisfaction being a suspicion that he was "unfriendly to the war." After 1777 he preached in other places, and died in Keene, N. H., 1794, aged 55 years. Mrs. Eunice Lawrence died in Keene, N. H., 20th Oct. 1788, in her 44th year.

- (132) **Family No. 34.** *PETER*,⁵ m. Persis —, and had children, born in Townsend and Ashby.
- (247) I. PERSIS,⁶ b. May 25, 1766, d. May 26, 1766.
- (248) II. PETER,⁶ b. Feb. 12, 1767, d. Feb. 12, 1767.
- (249) III. PETER,⁶ b. May 26, 1768, m. 1794, Mary Spaulding, d. 1826.
- (250) IV. BETTY,⁶ b. Feb. 18, 1770.
- (251) V. JEREMIAH,⁶ b. Jan. 29, 1772, m. probably, 1792, Rachel Wright.
- (252) VI. ISAAC,⁶ b. Dec. 7, 1773.
- (253) VII. LAVINIA,⁶ b. March 31, 1776, m. 1796-7, Elijah Wright, of Ashby.
- (254) VIII. SYLVA,⁶ b. March 1, 1779.
- (255) IX. ASA,⁶ b. July 18, 1781, d. May 25, 1819.
- (256) X. LYDIA,⁶ b. Oct. 23, 1783, m. 1804, Joseph Wheeler, of Ashby.

(257) XI. NANCY,⁶ b. May 26, 1787, m. 1808, Timothy Gibson, of Ashby.

(258) XII. BENJAMIN,⁶ b. Aug. 26, 1791.

The first town meeting held, was in 1767, "att y^e house of Mr. Peter Lawrence, att nine o'clock in y^e forenoon." He died Oct. 21, 1798, aged 56 years.

(124) **Family No. 35.** *John*,⁵ m. 1771, Betty Perry, of Provincetown, and had,

(259) I. ARTEMAS,⁶ b. March 22, 1773, d. Sept. 27, 1775.

(260) II. LUCINDA,⁶ b. May 17, 1775, m. Bartholomew Ballard.

(261) III. ARTEMAS,⁶ b. April 6, 1777, settled in Ashby.

(262) IV. ZULIMA,⁶ b. April 25, 1779, m. 1802, Stephen Patch, d. 1815.

(263) V. BETSY,⁶ b. April 30, 1781, m. 1st, 1806, Allen Farwell, 2d, Dea. H. Richardson, of Mason, N. H., and d. 1840, in her 60th year.

(264) VI. ZOA,⁶ b. April 3, 1783.

(265) VII. JOHN SWAIN,⁶ b. Aug. 10, 1785, d. 1817.

Dea. John Lawrence died in Ashby, March 15, 1817, aged 68 years. "Mrs. Betty, Relict of, &c., died June 8, 1836, Æ. 91 years."

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

An *Ivory headed cane*, said to have belonged to *Dea. John Lawrence*, marked, on a silver band encircling the head, "*John Lawranc*," and probably owned by his grandfather, *John*, of Lexington, in 1700, has been transmitted to the present generation, and is now in the possession of Rev. E. A. Lawrence, of Marblehead. It was for some time in the hands of the Farwells, of Ashby.

(134) **Family No. 36.** *TIMOTHY*,⁵ m. Nov. 30, 1769, Sarah, daughter of Col. Jonathan Reed, of Littleton, (formerly of Lexington,) and had these:

(266) I. *THADDEUS*,⁶ b. Nov. 17, 1771, settled in Cohasset, -48.

(267) II. DORCAS,⁶ b. April 17, 1774, m. 1801, Solomon Fletcher; now a widow, living with a son, Solomon Fletcher, in Woburn.

(268) III. BENJAMIN,⁶ b. March 11, 1776, d. Sept. 24, 1778.

(269) IV. MARY,⁶ b. Oct. 16, 1778.

(270) V. JONATHAN,⁶ b. March 10, 1781.

(271) VI. ELISABETH LANE,⁶ b. Feb. 14, 1784, m. 1802, C. Wood, of Littleton.

- (272) VII. ISAAC,⁶ b. Aug. 25, 1786. "Was killed in the battle of Queenstown."
 (273) VIII. NATHAN,⁶ b. April 23, 1789, m. about 1812, lived in Hollis, N. H.
 (274) IX. SARAH,⁶ b. Aug. 3, 1790.
 (275) X. TRYPHENA,⁶ b. Feb. 11, 1792.
 (276) XI. LYDIA,⁶ b. Nov. 9, 1794, by a 2d wife.
 (277) XII. MOLLY,⁶ b. Feb. 26, 1796.
 (278) XIII. ANNA,⁶ b. Nov. 20, 1797.
 (279) XIV. SAMUEL BOYDEN,⁶ b. March 24, 1799.

Mrs. Sarah Reed Lawrence died in Littleton, Feb. 19, 1792, in her 39th year. He married, Dec. 16, 1793, his 2d wife, Molly Boyden, of Groton, "who died in Hollis, N. H., Sept. 3, 1842, *Æt.* 84 years." He died, likewise, in Hollis, Nov. 3, 1815, aged 67 years.

- (280) **Family No. 37. Nathaniel,**⁵ m. May 24, 1794, Hannah Soden, daughter of Samuel Soden, of Watertown, born Feb. 25, 1764, by whom he had,

- (280) I. SUSANNA SODEN,⁶ b. June 22, 1795, m. Timothy Davis, of Billerica, had children, died July 3, 1831, aged 36 years.
 (281) II. SAMUEL SODEN,⁶ b. March 24, 1797, m. June 16, 1828, Mrs. Elisabeth Ruggles Prentiss, of Boston, resides in Tyngsboro'.
 (282) III. NATHANIEL,⁶ b. March 8, 1803, d. Aug. 19, 1835, aged 32 years.
 (283) IV. HANNAH,⁶ b. Nov. 9, 1809, d. Nov. 27, 1832, in her 22d year.

"Mrs. Hannah, Consort of the Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence, died Sept. 20, 1835, in the 72d year of her age."

"The Memory of the just is blessed."

"In Memory of Rev. Nathaniel Lawrence, who died on Lord's day, Feb. 5, 1843, *Æt.* 77 1-2."

"Mr. Lawrence was a Native of Woburn, Mass.

He graduated at Harvard College, in 1787, and on Jan. 6, 1790, was ordained pastor of the Congregational society in Tyngsborough, which relation continued 49 years. On the morning of (the Lord's Day) Feb. 5, he attended Church as usual, in apparent good health; but on returning to his dwelling, after asking a blessing at the table, suddenly expired, dying in his chair, without a groan."

During the 49 years of his pastoral labors, there were

two hundred and fifty-five baptisms, three hundred and twenty-six marriages, and one hundred and twenty-one church members. The number of deaths, four hundred. The Church was organized Nov. 30, 1789. Mr. Lawrence studied with Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Brookline. He wrote a history of the town of Tyngsborough, in 1815, for the Massachusetts Historical Collections.

(228) **Family No. 38.** *EBENEZER*,⁵ m. April 6, 1785, Hannah Estabrook, of Lexington, by whom he had the following:

(284) I. *EBENEZER*,⁶ b. 1786-7, d. probably, Jan. 11, 1807.

(285) II. *NATHANIEL*,⁶ b. July 12, 1791.

(286) III. *JONATHAN*,⁶ b. June 8, 1794.

(287) IV. *MELISCENT*,⁶ b. May 17, 1796, m. 1816, Jacob Pierce, of Woburn, d. 1842.

(288) V. *HANNAH*,⁶ b. Sept. 27, 1799, m. 1829, Rev. James Cushing, of Boxborough.

Dea. Ebenezer Lawrence was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, an officer in the Parish and Church, whose memorial recorded with his death, Jan. 12, 1842, *Æt.* 84, is given in the words —

“Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

(149) **Family No. 39.** *Samuel*,⁵ m. 1777, Susanna Parker, by whom he had,

(289) I. *LUTHER*,⁶ b. Sept. 28, 1778, lived in Groton and Lowell, -46.

(290) II. *SAMUEL*,⁶ b. July 2, 1781, d. May 22, 1796, in his 15th year.

(291) III. *WILLIAM*,⁶ b. Sept. 7, 1783, merchant in Boston, -50.

(292) IV. *AMOS*,⁶ b. April 22, 1786, resides in Boston, -53.

(293) V. *SUSANNA*,⁶ b. May 24, 1788, d. Aug. 15, 1815, aged 27 years.

(294) VI. *MARY*,⁶ b. Nov. 12, 1790, m. July 28, 1818, Rev. Samuel Woodbury, a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1811; who studied law with Luther Lawrence, Esq., of Groton, and afterwards divinity, and died in Groton, July 6, 1819. Sarah, only daughter of Rev. Samuel Woodbury, m. Rev. David Fosdick.

(295) VII. *ABBOTT*,⁶ b. Dec. 16, 1792, merchant and capitalist in Boston, -56.

(296) VIII. *ELIZA*,⁶ b. March 13, 1796, m. Jan. 5, 1824, Joshua Green,

M. D., a graduate of Harvard College, 1818. They have had six children, four now living, in Groton.

(297) IX. *SAMUEL*,⁶ b. Jan. 15, 1801, resides in Lowell, -57.

Dea. Samuel Lawrence died in Groton, the 8th of Nov., 1827, aged 73 years.

He was one of those who rallied at Concord to oppose the progress of the British troops. At the time the news of their approach reached Groton, he was in the field; when, mounting his horse, he rode through the adjoining towns, giving the alarm, and returned in season to join his company at the meeting house. In the battle of Bunker Hill he received a slight wound, and his hat and coat, pierced with the balls of the enemy, were preserved for many years. At the time of his marriage, while the ceremony was in progress, the tolling of the meeting-house bell called out the minute men, whereupon he parted from his bride as soon as the rite was finished, and marched to Rhode Island, but shortly returned, on furlough, for a few days, after which she did not see him again until the birth of their first-born. He continued in the service till the close of the war—was promoted Major, and fought in many of the hardest battles of the Revolution. Respected and beloved by his townsmen, they willingly elected him to those offices in which he would serve. Hospitable and kind in his manners, he is still remembered for the cordial welcome and comforts his house afforded. He was a religious man, and for many years before his death, a Deacon in the Church. In connection with others, he originated and established, for the good of the community, the Institution now called, with great propriety, the "*Lawrence Academy*." In this school his sons received their early education, and well have they remembered its origin, and the advantages they there enjoyed. (For particulars of this school, reference can be made to the catalogue of 1846. Rev. James Means, A. M., principal)

"Mrs. Susanna, widow of Dea. Samuel Lawrence, died in Groton, May the 2d, 1845, aged 89 years."

(298) **Family No. 40.** *WILLIAM*,⁶ m. 1780, Eunice Brown, of Lincoln, and had,

(298) I. *LOVE ADAMS*,⁷ b. Jan. 6, 1782, m. 1804, Thomas Swan, d. in Lancaster.

(299) II. *WILLIAM*,⁷ b. Jan. 29, 1784, m. Abigail Flint, of Concord, d. in Philadelphia, had a son, William, living in N. York.

- (300) III. BETSY,⁷ b. Dec. 1, 1785, m. Samuel S. Green, of East Cambridge.
- (301) IV. DANIEL,⁷ b. April 1, 1787, m. 1809, Sally More, of Sudbury, and had two sons and a daughter; d. Sept. 18, 1827, aged 40 years. Daniel J. lives in Concord.
- (302) V. NATHAN,⁷ b. April 28, 1789, not married, lives in Boston.
- (303) VI. ABEL,⁷ b. April 6, 1791, settled in Lincoln, -59.
- (304) VII. JOHN,⁷ b. July 14, 1793, d. July 28, 1808, aged 15 years.
- (305) VIII. EUNICE,⁷ b. Sept. 14, 1795, m. Solomon White, of Randolph.
- (306) IX. MARY,⁷ b. Nov. 20, 1797, m. 1819, Heman Ray, has had nine children.
- (307) X. SUSANNA,⁷ b. Sept. 16, 1800, d. in Providence, about 1817.
He died in Lincoln, Dec. 12, 1804, aged 52 years. Mrs. Eunice, widow of Lieut. William Lawrence, died the 2d of Oct. 1807.

(109) **Family No. 41.** JONAS,⁶ m. April 23, 1789, Dorcas Woods, of Woburn, and had children, born in Lexington.

- (308) I. Dorcas,⁷ b. Oct. 29, 1790.
- (309) II. EDMOND,⁷ b. Dec. 7, 1794.
- (310) III. JONAS,⁷ b. Feb. 4, 1796.
- (311) IV. SURENA,⁷ b. July 19, 1798.
- (312) V. LUCY,⁷ b. Jan. 12, 1801.
- (313) VI. JOHN,⁷ b. June 17, 1803.
- (314) VII. EMELINE,⁷ b. Dec. 7, 1805.
- (315) VIII. JOSEPH BRADLY VARNUM,⁷ b. Aug. 31, 1806.
Mr. Jonas Lawrence is supposed to have died in Lexington, 1835, aged 65 years.

(171) **Family No. 42.** ASA,⁶ m. Lydia —, and had these, and perhaps others:

- (316) I. FRANCIS,⁷ b. July 5, 1792, who is said to have been several years warden of the prison, Charlestown; has left a widow in Pepperell.
- (317) II. HARRIET,⁷ b. Jan. 26, 1798, m. James Stone, of Groton.
- (318) III. ASA,⁷ b. Feb. 7, 1799, now Asa F., of Pepperell, -61.
Mr. Asa Lawrence died in Groton, Feb. 7, 1826, aged 61 years.

(172) **Family No. 43.** JOEL,⁶ m. Dec. 22, 1790, Ruth Collier, and had,

- (319) I. THOMAS,⁷ b. March 30, 1792, d. young.

- (320) II. SUSAN,⁷ b. Feb. 28, 1794, d. Aug. 26, 1830, aged 36 years.
- (321) III. LUCY,⁷ b. Sept. 16, 1796, d. Dec. 12, 1845.
- (322) IV. CURTIS,⁷ b. April 26, 1799, settled in Groton, has a family, -62.
- (323) V. ELIZA,⁷ b. Sept. 28, 1801, m. about 1825, Nathaniel Boynton, of Mason, N. H. They have lived in Shirley, have children.
- (324) VI. WILLIAM,⁷ b. Aug. 26, 1820, by a 3d wife, Isabella Willard, whom he married, 1819. His 2d wife, whom he married Jan., 1803, died Nov., 1817. Mrs. Ruth Lawrence died Nov. 19, 1801, aged 35 years. He died in Groton, May 26, 1827, aged 60 years.
- (175) **Family No. 44. Abel,**⁶ m. Aug. 6, 1780, Abigail Page, and had,
- (325) I. POLLY,⁷ b. May 5, 1782, d. Oct. 14, 1785, aged 3 years, 5 months and 9 days.
- (326) II. ABIGAIL PAGE,⁷ b. Sept. 29, 1783.
- (327) III. JOHN BULKLEY,⁷ b. Dec. 23, 1784, d. in Salem, Sept. 8, 1831, at the age of 46 years and 9 months. "He was an eminent Christian, and died in the faith," &c.
- (328) IV. ABEL,⁷ b. Sept. 6, 1786, settled in Salem, has a family, -49.
- (329) V. MARY,⁷ b. May 23, 1788, d. Oct. 7, 1795, aged 8 years, 5 months and 6 days.
- (330) VI. HENRY,⁷ b. Dec. 14, 1789, d. August 13, 1798, aged 8 years and 8 months.
- (331) VII. ELISABETH CLARK,⁷ b. Aug. 15, 1791.
- (332) VIII. HARRIET,⁷ b. July 4, 1793, m. April 18, 1819, A. L. Pierson, M. D., of Salem, a graduate of Harvard College, 1812. They have had 8 children, 6 now living.
- (333) IX. CHARLES,⁷ b. Oct. 7, 1795, graduated at Harvard College, 1815, m. about 1833, Lucy A. Ward, of Boston, and now resides in North Danvers.
- (334) X. MARY MORRIS,⁷ b. April 28, 1798.
- (335) XI. JANE,⁷ b. Dec. 24, 1799, m. Oct. 27, 1823, Benjamin Perkins, of Boston. They have had 7 children, 6 now living.
- (336) XII. HENRY PAGE,⁷ b. July 24, 1803, d. in Danvers, Nov. 11, 1803.
- (337) XIII. SARAH SUSANNA,⁷ b. March 13, 1805, m. May 5, 1834, George W. Endicott, a descendant of John Endicott, who came to Salem, 1628, from Dorchester, England. He was Governor of Massachusetts Colony some 15 years, and died in Boston, March 15, 1665, aged 77. Mrs. Endicott

died July 2, 1835. "Her death bed was a scene of sweetest, meek submission to her Heavenly Father's will. 'Sustained, sustained,' were her last words." Mr. Abel Lawrence died Dec. 4, 1822, aged 68 years, "Beloved and honored by all who knew him. His children's richest inheritance is their father's *good name*. He trusted in Jesus."

Mrs. Abigail, widow of Abel Lawrence, died Jan. 14, 1839, aged 80 years and 11 months. "Her end was peace; she fell asleep in Jesus."

(160) **Family No. 45.** *THOMAS*,⁶ m. Aug. 10, 1779, Anna Shattuck, and had,

(338) I. ANNA,⁷ b. Jan. 23, 1781, d. May 5, 1788, in Pepperell.

(339) II. THOMAS STIMPSON,⁷ b. Dec. 30, 1782, m. Rebecca Dorrel, has 2 sons, Walter in Rhode Island, and William T., who m. Betsy Fitch, and lives in Pepperell.

(340) III. EDMUND,⁷ b. June 25, 1785, m. Lydia Green, has 3 sons. Thomas G. and Alden married. The daughters also married, and have children.

(341) IV. BETTY,⁷ b. April 7, 1788, d. Feb. 8, 1792.

(342) V. JOHN,⁷ b. Dec. 1791, m. 1818, Sally Ames, of Pepperell.

(343) VI. MARY,⁷ b. March 6, 1794, m. Eliphalet Parker, and has 5 children.

(344) VII. ANNA, or NANCY,⁷ b. June 13, 1796.

(345) VIII. CHARLES,⁷ b. Feb. 7, 1799.

(346) IX. LUTHER,⁷ b. Nov. 7, 1801, m. about 1827, Thirza Spaulding, and has 7 children; sons, Luther and Charles F.; and Thirza, Mary, Jane, Sarah C. and Jane L.

(347) X. ROYAL,⁷ b. March, 1804, m. about 1825, Almira Norcross, now lives in Leominster, has 6 children.

Major Thomas Lawrence, it is said, was one of the heroes of Bunker Hill, and received a wound in that battle. He died July 28, 1822.

(289) **Family No. 46.** *Luther*,⁶ m. June 2, 1805, Lucy, daughter of Col. Timothy Bigelow, of Worcester, an officer in the 16th Regiment in the war of the Revolution, and a descendant of John Bigelow, of Watertown, in 1642. Luther and Lucy had children born to them as follows:

(348) I. ANNA MARIA,⁷ b. March 25, 1806, m. Dec. 1, 1829, Norman Seaver, Esq., of Boston, who died May 12, 1838, at St. Louis, leaving 3 children.

(349) II. EMILY,⁷ b. June 24, 1807, d. 1808.

- (350) III. ELISABETH ANDREWS,⁷ b. June 29, 1809.
 (351) IV. KATHERINE,⁷ b. April 26, 1811.
 (352) V. RUFUS BIGELOW,⁷ b. July 13, 1814, graduated at Harvard College, 1834, died at Pau, south of France, Jan. 13, 1841, aged 26 years.

A talented and amiable young man, beloved in a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who, after having studied law with his father and given promise of success in practice, was compelled to seek for health by travel in foreign lands, but died of consumption, leaving a widowed mother, and sisters to mourn.

Hon. Luther Lawrence was a graduate of Harvard College, in 1801. He studied law, and had a good practice in his own and the neighboring counties. He was elected a member of the State Legislature, and chosen speaker of the House. After his removal to Lowell, his professional business increased, yet he never encouraged litigation, but rather advised against it. Elected Mayor of the city, he was very much interested and did much for the improvement of the place, evidence of which is still seen. His large, athletic person and manly bearing, united with native firmness and integrity of character, gave him that address and influence so desirable in men of station and active life. With good natural abilities, he possessed extensive acquired knowledge, a faithful spirit and habits of active usefulness. He was killed, suddenly, (while showing to a friend and relative, Tyler Bigelow, Esq., of Watertown, the large mill of the Middlesex Company,) by falling into an open wheel pit, April 17, 1839, when in the 61st year of his age.

- (181) **Family No. 47.** DANIEL,⁶ m. May 6, 1790, Polly Johnson, of Hollis, N. H., and had,
 (353) I. DANIEL,⁷ b. June 16, 1791, d. young.
 (354) II. BETSY,⁷ b. Oct. 20, 1792.
 (355) III. CHARLOTTE,⁷ b. Sept. 5, 1794.
 (356) IV. RUTH,⁷ b. Nov. 21, 1796.
 (357) V. DANIEL,⁷ b. April 7, 1798, probably m. 1825, Sarah Fletcher, of Pepperell.
 (358) VI. ABIGAIL,⁷ b. June 10, 1800.
 (359) VII. LUTHER,⁷ b. April 14, 1803.
 (360) VIII. LOUISA,⁷ b. June 14, 1807.
 (361) IX. CAROLINE,⁷ b. March 23, 1810.

(362) X. MARK,⁷ b. Aug. 20, 1811.

He died, as is supposed, about 1823, aged 61 years.

(³⁶⁶) **Family No. 48.** *THADDEUS*,⁶ m. 1796, Joa Oakes, born in Cohasset, March 1, 1774, by whom he had children, born in Ashby and Cohasset.

(363) I. JOSIAH OAKES,⁷ b. May 1, 1797, d. Sept. 15, 1802, aged 5 years and 5 months.

(364) II. MARIA,⁷ b. Dec. 15, 1798, m. Dec., 1819, Thomas Smith, of Rowley, now of Cohasset. They have 10 children.

(365) III. THOMAS REED,⁷ b. Aug. 20, 1800, d. Aug. 16, 1811.

(366) IV. *GEORGE AUGUSTUS*,⁷ b. Jan. 7, 1802, settled in Cohasset, -60.

(367) V. JOA,⁷ b. Oct. 13, 1803, d. Oct. 16, 1803.

(368) VI. *JOSIAH OAKES*,⁷ b. May 6, 1805, lives in Cohasset, -58.

(369) VII. MARY OAKES,⁷ b. May 1, 1807, m. Nov. 15, 1822, John Parker, of Cohasset, son of Dea. Jonas Parker, of Pepperell. They have 10 children.

(370) VIII. HANNAH,⁷ b. July 31, 1809, m. about 1830, Hiram Bruce, now living in Brighton, have several children.

(371) IX. SOPHIRONIA MANN, b. Jan. 15, 1813, d. Nov. 2, 1839, aged 26. Her memoir, by Rev. M. Moore, has been published.

Mr. Thaddeus Lawrence was one of the twenty original members of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset, gathered at his house, in 1824, and soon after the organization, was elected a Deacon of the Church.

(³²⁸) **Family No. 49.** *ABEL*,⁷ m. Feb. 4, 1816, Caroline Wallace, of Milford, N. H., born Aug. 10, 1797, by whom he had these :

(372) I. MARY WALLACE,⁸ b. May 18, 1817.

(373) II. CAROLINE WALLACE,⁸ b. Feb. 6, 1819.

(374) III. ELISABETH,⁸ b. June 16, 1822, d. June 26, 1822.

(375) IV. ELISABETH CLARKE,⁸ b. Sept. 9, 1823.

(376) V. SUSAN CORNELIUS,⁸ b. Sept. 29, 1827, d. Dec. 20, 1828.

Mrs. Caroline Wallace Lawrence died in Salem, Oct. 19, 1828, aged 31 years.

(²⁹¹) **Family No. 50.** *William*,⁶ m. May 20, 1813, Susan Rugles Boardman, of Boston, and has children as follows :

(377) I. WILLIAM BOARDMAN,⁷ b. Feb. 18, 1814, d. Sept. 7, 1840, aged 26 years.

(378) II. SAMUEL ABBOTT,⁷ b. July 28, 1815, m. Nov. 24, 1845,

Sally C. Bunker, of Philadelphia, a lady of most engaging and amiable personal qualities. He has travelled over Europe in company of Norman Seaver, Esq., and has been much abroad.

- (379) III. LYDIA ELISABETH,⁷ b. June 15, 1818, d. June 29, 1818.
- (380) IV. SARAH,⁷ b. Aug. 20, 1819, d. Aug. 24, 1819.
- (381) V. GEORGE HENRY,⁷ b. Jan. 9, 1821, d. Feb. 5, 1825.
- (382) VI. SUSAN ELISABETH,⁷ b. Oct. 5, 1822, m. March 30, 1843, Wm. W. Tucker, of Derry, N. H., and has a son, Wm. Lawrence, b. 1844.
- (383) VII. MARY BOARDMAN,⁷ b. Feb. 21, 1824, d. Aug. 24, 1824.
- (384) VIII. HARRIET,⁷ b. Jan. 8, 1826.
- (385) IX. MARY FRANCIS,⁷ b. Aug. 19, 1828.

William Lawrence, Esq., has charge of the paternal farm and mansion in Groton, which he has greatly improved, and rendered one of the most pleasant and valuable of country estates. On this farm he worked several years after his brother Amos removed to Boston, sometimes spending the winter in teaching school. By his own exertions and enterprise in commerce and manufactures, (with the inheritance of his wife,) he has acquired a large property, of which he has given and is now bestowing liberally, for benevolent objects. The Lawrence Academy, in Groton, has received a rich and permanent endowment, by the donation of \$15,000 to the funds of the Institution, from this gentleman. A Library, of about 2000 volumes of most valuable books, for the use of the students, apparatus for experiments and illustrations in the sciences, the large and commodious houses on each side of the Academy, occupied for boarding, and the residence of the Principal, with the general improvement of the grounds, and the erection of the iron fence in front, to enclose the buildings, are a few instances showing the taste, spirit and ability of the man and of his brother Amos, who is associated with him in this enterprise. He was a Representative in the Legislature for several years, and took an active part in effecting that arrangement known as the "Suffolk Bank System," so useful in securing a uniform currency in New England. Affable and intelligent in society and in all business transactions fair and just, he manifests towards all classes of persons with whom he meets, a spirit of kindness and good will.

(234) **Family No. 51.** *BENJAMIN*,⁶ m. about 1794, Persis —, by whom he had children, born in Ashby, as also by a second wife, whom he married in 1807.

(386) I. OTIS,⁷ b. June 22, 1795, d. Feb. 2, 1796.

(387) II. HORACE,⁷ b. March 10, 1797.

(388) III. MICAH,⁷ b. Jan. 18, 1799.

(389) IV. CLARISSA,⁷ b. July 24, 1802.

(390) V. BENJAMIN DENNISON,⁷ b. July 15, 1804.

(391) VI. PERSIS COLMAN,⁷ b. Oct. 9, 1808, by Polly Townsend, 2d wife.

(392) VII. WILLIAM JOHNSON,⁷ b. May 30, 1811.

(393) VIII. JOHN,⁷ b. Aug. 3, 1814.

(394) IX. OTIS,⁷ b. Nov. 26, 1815.

Mrs. Polly Lawrence died Nov. 5, 1819. He died Sept. 4, 1842, aged 78 years.

(231) **Family No. 52.** *ALETHON*,⁶ m. 1797, Polly Tenney, of Littleton, and had these, born in Ashby :

(395) I. POLLY,⁷ b. Feb. 15, 1798, d. March 30, 1800.

(396) II. SARAH,⁷ b. April 18, 1800.

(397) III. MARY,⁷ b. May 3, 1801.

(398) IV. BETSY,⁷ b. May 10, 1804.

(399) V. LEONARD,⁷ b. Feb. 17, 1806, d. July 29, 1806.

(400) VI. ZOA,⁷ b. June 17, 1808, d. June 25, 1808.

(401) VII. NANCY,⁷ b. June 17, 1809.

(402) VIII. CHARLES,⁷ b. March 29, 180—.

Mr. Alethon Lawrence died in Ashby, June 6, 1842, aged 71 years.

(232) **Family No. 53.** *Amos*,⁶ m. June 6, 1811, Sarah Richards, of Boston, and had children.

(403) I. *WILLIAM RICHARDS*,⁷ b. May 3, 1812, lives in Brookline, —65.

(404) II. *AMOS ADAMS*,⁷ b. July 31, 1814, —66.

(405) III. *SUSANNAH*,⁷ b. May 23, 1817, m. June 15, 1838, Rev. Charles Mason, of Salem. She died Dec. 2, 1844, leaving 4 children, the two youngest, twins.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence died Jan. 14, 1819. He married, for his second wife, Mrs. Nancy Ellis, widow of Judge Ellis, and daughter of Col. Robert Means, of Amherst, N. H., by whom he had these :

(406) IV. *MARY MEANS*,⁷ b. April 15, 1823, d. Dec. 8, 1828, aged 5 years.

- (407) V. ROBERT MEANS,⁷ b. Sept. 17, 1826, d. Nov. 1, 1845, aged 19 years.

This gentleman was engaged in mercantile business quite early in life, having been for a considerable time a clerk with Mr. Brazer, in Groton. He entered into business in Boston, during the time of the embargo, and has been uniformly successful in whatever he has undertaken. Discriminating, careful and persevering, he soon gained a handsome property. Having persuaded his brother Abbott to come to Boston, after a short time he made him a full partner in business. They became importers of English goods to a large amount, and afterwards made investments in manufacturing. For some years past Amos has not been actively engaged in business, though still a partner in the firm of A. & A. Lawrence & Co. Devoted to the well being and happiness of others, to works of private charity and objects of public good, the streams of income from business and invested capital have been diverted to these noble purposes, by which the accumulation of wealth beyond the principle he has adopted, is safely prevented. As a merchant and capitalist, his rank is with noble equals, while as a philanthropist and benefactor, he has a higher place than many of equal ability can claim. To Williams College, he has given generously. To the Academy in his native town—but it is not convenient nor necessary here to enumerate the many instances of his benefactions. A very pleasing one, however, is seen in the establishment of the “Children’s Infirmary, at 716 Washington street,” (Boston,) “where patients between the ages of 2 and 15 are received, and the children of the poor provided for without expense to their parents.” It is earnestly hoped that this experiment in doing good will be entirely successful. Bunker Hill Monument, too, will be a witness, while it stands, to the exertions and liberality of this individual, for its final completion. Nearly all the public charities of the last twenty-five years have received aid at his hands. The interests of education, humanity and patriotism thus nobly befriended, will furnish a memorial that shall outlive the monumental pile. For many years he has suffered from ill health, not being able, much of the time, to eat at the same table with his family. He has, within a few years, been deeply afflicted by the death of his only daughter, Mrs. Mason, of Salem, and of his youngest son,

Robert Means; yet in patience he has possessed his soul, maintaining that cheerfulness of spirit ever induced by the firm belief that God afflicts only in mercy.

(134) **Family No. 54.** *JONATHAN*,⁶ m. April 12, 1798, Polly Reed, of Bedford, and had,

(408) I. *POLLY*,⁷ b. April 28, 1799.

(409) II. *ESTHER*,⁷ b. April 23, 1801.

(410) III. *ABIGAIL*,⁷ b. Nov. 8, 1803, d. Dec. 23, 1826, aged 23.

(411) IV. *ELISABETH SWAIN*,⁷ b. Sept. 10, 1807.

Mr. Jonathan Lawrence died in Lexington, about 1840.

(242) **Family No. 55.** *Hubbard*,⁶ m., Feb. 22, 1801, Mary, daughter of Maj. Phillip Goss, born in Winchester, June 11, 1780. Maj. Phillip Goss was son of Phillip Goss, of Winchester, N. H., who was a descendant in the 3d generation, of Phillip Goss, born in Concord, Mass., "a Captain in the French war," who died at Cape Breton.

Hubbard and Mary had these, born in St. Johnsbury, Vt.:

(412) I. *LOUISA*,⁷ b. Jan. 4, 1802, m. Sept. 4, 1827, Zelotes Hosmer, of Boston. They have four children, Samuel D., James and Mary, twins, and Henry Zelotes. Residing in Cambridge.

(413) II. *CLARISSA GOSS*,⁷ b. July 31, 1803, m. Nov. 30, 1830, Rev. Lucius Doolittle, an Episcopal clergyman, Lennoxville, C. E.

(414) III. *MARY ANN*,⁷ b. May 29, 1805, m. June 1, 1831, Ashley P. Graves, late of Leroy, N. Y. They have 4 children, two sons and two daughters.

(415) IV. *SOLOMON WILLARD*,⁷ b. Feb. 3, 1807, d. March 3, 1820, aged 13 years.

(416) V. *EDWARD ALEXANDER*,⁷ b. Oct. 7, 1808, settled in Marblehead, -64.

(417) VI. *EMILY*,⁷ b. May 7, 1810, m. Feb. 1836, Ebenezer Graves, late of Springfield.

(418) VII. *HUBBARD*,⁷ b. May 1, 1812, settled in Brunswick, Ohio, -63.

(419) VIII. *JOHN*,⁷ b. May 21, 1814.

(420) IX. *WILLIAM GOSS*,⁷ b. Aug. 3, 1816, d. April 19, 1817, aged 7 months.

Dea. Hubbard Lawrence died Sept. 20, 1816, aged 43 years. He went from Winchester, N. H., to St. Johnsbury, Vt., about 1800, and there resided until his death. He was a man of warm and generous feelings, good sense and sound

tures. At the end of the first year of his partnership with his brother Amos, (at whose request he came to Boston,) on account of losses experienced, he was worth less than nothing. The second year turned the scale, leaving a balance on the other side. The whole charge of the goods was shortly given into his hands, while Amos had the management of the finances. From their large and profitable foreign business, they acquired good credit and a heavy capital, when they entered upon the business of manufacturing on their own account. Since the very severe illness of his brother, in 1829 and '30, Abbott has been at the head of business, having the principal control of the affairs of the House.

This gentleman has been long and well known as the advocate of Home Industry, and in all business transactions, though successful beyond many of his day, has ever acted upon principles of the strictest integrity, with a generous regard to the rights of others and the best interests of the country. Some voyages to China, in which he was associated with William Appleton, Esq., turned out well, as also investments made in other ways from time to time, by which there has been an increasing accumulation of property. Nearly all the more recently incorporated companies at Lowell have been originated by him, and in all which he has undertaken there has been uniform success. Of late he, as first and most influential, has been actively interested with his brother Samuel, of Lowell, in the plan and works of the "New City," so called.

Abbott, Samuel and the other brothers, with those who have formerly made investments in company with them, at once subscribed the sum of three and a half millions of dollars to carry out the intentions of the company according to the plan proposed, by which a manufacturing city of no inferior model will in a few years be brought to take its place among the existing cities of New England. His services in public life as a Representative in Congress, as a commissioner from his state to negotiate the "Ashburton Treaty," the part he has taken in the internal improvements of the country, his written and unwritten views and statements on subjects of a political, financial and general character, these are all before the people, and have not failed to secure that high esteem, and have that weight of influence which from their nature they were calculated to procure; nor are his character and services less appreci-

ated abroad. In a late tour through England he received marks of attention and respect which were as unexpected as they must have been acceptable to one who has rendered public service. But it is not necessary to speak further of one so well known. If deeds show a man's spirit, his is well and fully shown to the world:—in the rich gift recently made of \$50,000 to the Trustees of Harvard College, to establish a more enlarged and experimental system of instruction in the natural and practical sciences—in the more recent donation to the Franklin Library Association of the “new city,” Lawrence, of a sum to be invested in such scientific and other works as will tend to create “*good mechanics, good Christians, and good patriots,*” and in the many other and constant offerings of his hand to the objects of public charity and general improvement. When such men live, Science and useful Learning have patrons and friends, Humanity and Christianity, advocates and supporters, and progress is made towards a more enlightened and happy state of human society.

- (²⁹⁷) **Family No. 57.** SAMUEL,⁶ m. April 2, 1833, Alison Turnbull, of Baltimore, and has children born in Boston and Lowell.
- (428) I. CHARLES,⁷ b. May 27, 1835, d. in Lowell, April the 15th, 1842, aged 7 years.
- (429) II. HENRY,⁷ b. April 28, 1837.
- (430) III. GEORGE,⁷ b. Jan. 22, 1839.
- (431) IV. MARY,⁷ b. Oct. 26, 1841.
- (432) V. ALISON,⁷ b. May 24, 1843.
- (433) VI. NISBET,⁷ b. Nov. 29, 1844.
- (434) VII. SAMUEL,⁷ b. Sept. 27, 1846.

This gentleman, the youngest of the Groton brothers, continued with his father, at home, until nearly of age, when he left to live with his brother William, in Boston, by whom he was soon taken into business as a partner. Their foreign trade called him many times to England, and gave opportunities for acquaintance abroad as well as for increasing his skill and knowledge in the transaction of business at home. The natural vivacity of his spirit, his free, affable manners and the native generosity of his heart, procured him the good will and confidence of those whom he met in business or as acquaintances, while he was rendered the favorite of his family and friends.

A few years after his firm became interested in the business of manufacturing at Lowell, he removed from

Boston to Lowell, where now he has a very commodious and pleasant residence a little out of the city, upon an elevated site, with grounds admitting almost any desirable degree of improvement. His extensive operations in manufacturing, and general acquaintance with the wool growers and dealers of the country, added to his own personal ability and enterprise in business would go far towards placing him at the head of the Woollen Manufacture of New England. Of the "new city," Lawrence, he and his brother Abbott may be considered the projectors and founders. By his endeavors and the aid of his associates in the business, there has been accomplished, in one year, what is indeed remarkable, if not unparalleled in the history of towns and labors of human enterprise in this country.

With a lady for his wife highly accomplished and amiable, he has in his family "a good list" of fair and happy children. They have, as yet, buried one only,—their first-born, as seen above.

(308) **Family No. 58.** *JOSIAH OAKES*,⁷ m. Nov. 12, 1826, Hannah Kent Tower, born May 8, 1806, and had these, born in Cohasset:

- (435) I. TOWER,⁸ b. Aug. 21, 1827, d. Oct. 6, 1828.
- (436) II. MARIA SMITH,⁸ b. Dec. 23, 1828.
- (437) III. GEORGE W.,⁸ b. Feb. 29, 1832.
- (438) IV. ELLEN A.,⁸ b. Sept. 6, 1834, d. April 21, 1838.
- (439) V. LYMAN,⁸ b. Sept. 2, 1837, d. May 3, 1838.
- (440) VI. LYMAN,⁸ b. June 16, 1839.
- (441) VII. WILLIAM EDWARD,⁸ b. March 31, 1842, d. May 17, 1842.
- (442) VIII. HANNAH TOWER,⁸ b. June 16, 1843.

Mrs. Hannah Lawrence died Dec. 14, 1843, aged 37 years.

He married his second wife, Sarah Jane Doane, May 6, 1846. She was the daughter of — Doane, Esq., of Cohasset, and born March 30, 1820. Mr. Lawrence was a member of the Legislature, in 1844.

(309) **Family No. 59.** *ABEL*,⁷ m. Nancy —, and had these, born in Lincoln:

- (443) I. ABEL,⁸ b. June 7, 1820.
- (444) II. EUNICE BROWN,⁸ b. July 10, 1822.
- (445) III. ALICE HENRIETTA,⁸ b. Dec. 26, 1826.
- (446) IV. GEORGE,⁸ b. May 22, 1828.

(447) V. GROSVENOR PRESCOTT,⁸ b. Sept. 10, 1830.

(448) VI. ANDREW,⁸ b. Sept 18, 1834, d. 1846.

Mrs. Nancy Lawrence died Feb. 19, 1838. Mr. Abel Lawrence died in Lincoln, Feb. 20, 1843, aged 52 years.

(366) **Family No. 60.** GEORGE AUGUSTUS,⁷ m. Jan. 8, 1826, Caroline Vinal, of Scituate, by whom he has the following, born in Cohasset:

(449) I. THOMAS REED,⁸ b. Dec. 17, 1826.

(450) II. REBECCA MERRITT,⁸ b. Aug. 15, 1828, m. Aug. 10, 1845, Daniel Hollis, of Cohasset, formerly of Hollis, N. H.

(451) III. EVELINA F.,⁸ b. (Medford) Aug. 14, 1831, d. Feb. 29, 1836.

(452) IV. GEORGE AUGUSTUS,⁸ b. (Quincy) Aug. 11, 1834.

(453) V. EVELINA F.,⁸ b. April 27, 1837.

(454) VI. SOPHRONIA OAKES,⁸ b. April 4, 1840.

(455) VII. FORDYCE FOSTER,⁸ b. May 9, 1843.

(318) **Family No. 61.** Asa F.,⁷ m. Sarah Jane, daughter of — Bancroft, M. D., of Groton, and has these, born in Pepperell:

(456) I. MARY HELEN,⁸ b. June 28, 1839.

(457) II. ELISABETH BIGELOW,⁸ b. March 9, 1841.

(458) III. SARAH FRANCES,⁸ b. March 8, 1844.

Hon. Asa F. Lawrence was a graduate of Harvard College, in 1824, studied law, has been in the State Senate, and holds a good reputation in his profession.

(322) **Family No. 62.** CURTIS,⁷ m. May 6, 1822, Lucy Merriam, of Mason, N. H., born April 24, 1800, and has these, born in Groton:

(459) I. EDWARD ADDISON,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1823, graduated at Dartmouth College, 1845, now principal of New Ipswich Academy, N. H.

(460) II. LUCY MARIA,⁸ b. March 8, 1825, m. July 11, 1847, Rev. Wm. Wood, Missionary of American Board to Bombay.

(461) III. MARY WHEELER,⁸ b. April 15, 1827.

(462) IV. SUSAN FRANCES,⁸ b. Nov. 30, 1828.

Mrs. Lucy Lawrence died in Groton, Nov. 18, 1846, aged 46 years and 6 months. "Dea. Curtis Lawrence married (his second wife) Mrs. Mary Ann B. Davis, of New Ipswich, N. H., July 1, 1847."

(418) **Family No. 63.** HUBBARD,⁷ m. Sept. 28, 1841, Martha Sawyer, of Cambridge, and has these:

- (463) I. MARTHA,⁸ b. Sept. 11, 1842.
 (464) II. MARY,⁸ b. Sept. 22, 1844.
 (465) III. HUBBARD,⁸ b. May 20, 1846.

He entered Dartmouth College in 1834, left in 1836, graduated at Marietta College, pursued theological studies at Lane Seminary, was licensed, and is now laboring in the ministry at Brunswick, Ohio.

- (416) **Family No. 64.** EDWARD A.,⁷ m. May 20, 1839, Margarette Woods, daughter of Rev. Leonard Woods, D. D., of Andover, and has these :

- (466) I. MARGARETTE LOUISA,⁸ b. July 18, 1842, in Haverhill.
 (467) II. CAROLINE MATILDA,⁸ b. Nov. 14, 1844, " "
 (468) III. EDWARD ALEXANDER,⁸ b. Jan. 16, 1847, in Marblehead.

He was a graduate of Dartmouth College, in 1834, pursued his theological studies at Andover, was ordained and settled in Haverhill, in May, 1839, and in April, 1845, was settled at Marblehead, where he now labors.

- (403) **Family No. 65.** WILLIAM RICHARDS,⁷ m. Dec. 6, 1838, Susan Coombs Dana, daughter of Rev. Samuel Dana, of Marblehead, who graduated at Harvard College, 1796, the son of Dr. Joseph Dana, of Ipswich. (The latter, born in Pomfret, Conn., Nov. 13, 1742, graduated at Yale College, 1760, was the son of Jacob Dana, who was born in 1655, and grandson of Richard Dana, of Cambridge, who died in 1695. Dr. Joseph Dana, who was settled at Ipswich in 1765, preached, on his 60th anniversary, in 1825, when 82 years old, a discourse appropriate to the occasion. He died, 1827, aged 85 years.) This lady is not less esteemed and beloved since her marriage, for the exhibition of all the virtues which adorn a wife and mother, than before she was admired for beauty and personal accomplishments.

William R. and Susan C. Lawrence have children —

- (469) I. FRANCIS WILLIAM,⁸ b. Nov. 20, 1839, in Brookline.
 (470) II. ARTHUR,⁸ b. Aug. 22, 1842, " "
 (471) III. ROBERT MEANS,⁸ b. June, 1847, " "

He was a short time engaged in mercantile pursuits, but not feeling interested in these, he studied abroad, took his degree in medicine in this country, and is now the physician and superintendent of the Children's Infirmary, No. 716 Washington street, Boston. See under No. 53.

(404) **Family No. 66. Amos Adams,**⁷ m. March 31, 1842,
Sarah E., daughter of William Appleton, Esq., of Boston,
and has these :

(472) I. MARIANNE APPLETON,⁸ b. May 12, 1843.

(473) II. SARAH,⁸ b. July 5, 1845.

Amos A. Lawrence, Esq., is a graduate of Harvard College, in 1835, and engaged in manufacturing business ; a gentleman interested in works of usefulness, inquisitive for the past, and desirous to render service to the future generations of his name, which he may be considered to have done by the interest taken and the exertions made to discover the fathers, and gather their history, tracing backward the course of their descent for many generations. Among the instances of his active benevolence is the gift of \$10,000 to aid in founding a College in Wisconsin, to be under the control of the M. E. Church, the site of which is chosen and charter given.

PART III.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Of *other* persons of the name of Lawrence, early settled in this country, the following statements have been gathered :

1. *HENRY*, of Charlestown, in 1635. — On the list of those who became inhabitants of the town that year, is the name of Henry Lawrence. He may have come from England the same year, though his name is not found among the lists of arrivals examined, neither is he mentioned as one of the original settlers of the town. "In the first division of land on Mistick side, of ten acres to a house, five of which were given in for aftercomers, (made 20-2-1638, as appears,) Henry Lawrence received five acres." He is several times mentioned on the town records, yet we have found no notice of his marriage, family or death.

2. *THOMAS*, of Hingham, in 1637. — He is given as a landholder for that year, and was admitted a freeman the year following. In 1638, he became "lawful owner of four hundred acres of land, bounded westward with Cedar Swamp, and eastward with the land of Thomas Clap, &c." In 1647, there were "given unto him, by the town, two acres of Salt Marsh, &c."

He married Elisabeth Bates, a sister of James Bates, of Dorchester, whose children were —

I. *NICHOLAS*, born in Hingham.

II. *MARY*, " " " married, 28-8-1658, Thomas Moseley, of Dorchester.

III. *ELISABETH*, " " " married, in 1658, Wm. Smead.

Mr. Thomas Lawrence died Nov. 5, 1655, at Hingham. The "Widdow Lawrence," named on the town records, shortly after the decease of her husband, removed with her family to Dorchester, where her son Nicholas married, and had by Mary, his wife: 1. *PATIENCE*, born in Dorchester,

June 13, 1658, and died young. 2. MARY, 3. REBECCA, 4. NICHOLAS, 5. BENJAMIN, and possibly another.

Nicholas Lawrence, senior, died in 1685. Nicholas, his son, married, Nov. 3, 1681, Mary Harris, and had, 1. PATIENCE, born Aug. 12, 1682. About this time, he removed to Charlestown, and after the death of his wife, married again, as is found. 2. "ABIGAIL, daughter of Nicholas and Abigail Lawrence, born Aug. 26, 1693," died Nov. 5, 1713, aged 21 years. They were admitted to the Church in Charlestown, Feb. 15, 1707-8. Nicholas Lawrence died Feb. 28, 1710-11, aged 49 years and 8 months.

3. THOMAS, of Milford, Conn., in 1639. — In the list of settlers and voters of the town, bearing date, Nov. 20, 1639, is the name of Thomas Lawrence; but nothing is found as to the time when he came to this country, nor of his after residence. Was he the ancestor of the Hon. Myron Lawrence, of this State? (*His father was born in Canaan, Conn., May 6, 1762, and was the youngest of a family of 13 children, of whom 11 have had families. He lives at present with a son, in Middlebury, Vt. Asa, his eldest son, died in Vermont. Jeremiah died in Nantucket. Abiram, with a large family, lives in Kentucky. Jonathan has a large family in New York. Joseph holds the paternal farm in Canaan, and has several children.*) Or does this Thomas, of Milford, afterwards appear on Long Island?

4. JOHN, of Flushing, in 1645. — In the appendix to the History of Long Island, Vol. II., there is an account of three individuals of the name, brothers, it is stated, who first landed in New England and went to the Province of New Netherlands. The earliest date respecting them given, is in 1644, when John, the eldest, with six other persons, received the grant or patent of Hempstead. The next year, John and William were in the number of eighteen persons to obtain from Governor Kieft, the patent of Flushing, where John afterwards had his residence until his removal to New Amsterdam. Immediately after the organization of New York, he was chosen an alderman, about 1664. Subsequently he was several times mayor and councilman, from 1675 to 1698. He was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court in 1692, which office he held until his death, in 1699. His will, left on file in New York, and written, as it is said, in his own hand, states that he was then more than 80 years old. When? at the date of the will? No record of his marriage has been obtained. By Susanna, his wife, he had six children, three sons and three daughters.

I. JOSEPH, deceased without male issue, before 1699.

II. JOHN, married Mrs. Sarah Willet, but had no issue.

III. THOMAS, lived a bachelor.

IV. SUSANNA, married, 1st, Gabriell Mienville, 2d, Wm. Smith, and survived both, childless.

V. **MARTHA**, married Thomas Snawsell, of New York.

VI. **MARY**, who married Wm. Whittingham of Harvard College, 1660, and a native of Ipswich, but settled in Boston. The male line of this family ceased with this generation.

5. **WILLIAM**, of Long Island, in 1645.—He had his residence on Lawrence's or Tew's Neck, of which he was the owner. He was a magistrate of Flushing, under the Dutch, and held both civil and military offices under the English government. He was twice married, and had, by his first wife — Elisabeth? —

I. **WILLIAM**, afterwards Major William, who married in 1680, Deborah Smith, by whom he had nine sons and three daughters.

II. **JOHN**, married Elisabeth —, and had 9 children; died in 1714.

III. **ELISABETH**, who married in 1672, Thos. Stevens, of Newtown. By Elisabeth, eldest daughter of Richard Smith, whom he married in 1664, he had seven other children.

IV. **MARY**, supposed to have died unmarried.

V. **THOMAS**, married in 1692, Mary Ferguson, of Queen's Co.

VI. **JOSEPH**, married Mary —, and is said to have had three sons and a daughter. 1. **RICHARD**, who married about 1718, and had ten children, of whom a son, Effingham, married — Farmer, of Long Island, and went to London. 2. **ELISHA**, who, with another brother removed to New Jersey, where he married, and was the ancestor of Capt. James Lawrence, of the Chesapeake, noted for his dying charge, "Don't give up the Ship." 3. **JOHN**, born about 1702–3, who went to New Jersey and married about 1728, his first wife, who died while he lived in Newport, R. I. Of his children by her, Joseph died at Providence, about 1812, at the age of 80 years or more. David, born in Newport, in 1738, lived in Providence; the David, probably, who was one of a Committee of Inspection, &c., (appointed by act of Congress) in 1774, mentioned in the History of Providence. He is supposed to have removed from Providence to Hudson, N. Y., where he died, in 1809. Thomas is named by another authority as a son of John Lawrence; and likewise two daughters, who married. By his second wife, Mrs. Elisabeth Little, he had no issue. He died in Providence, in the year 1781, aged nearly 80 years.

VII. **RICHARD**, fifth son of William Lawrence, married in 1690, Charity Clarke, by whom he had children.

VIII. **SAMUEL**. IX. **SARAH**, married James Tillet. X. **JAMES**.

William Lawrence died in 1680, possessed of a large property, and has descendants in England and various States of the Union.

6. **THOMAS**, of Newtown, in 1655. — The youngest, it is thought, of these brothers, if related to them, — he is mentioned in a list of the landowners of the town, drawn in 1655, and with six others, received the patent of

the town from Governor Nicoll, in 1666. He died in July, 1703, at Newtown, and left children.

I. JOHN, who lived in Newtown and married Deborah Woodhull. He died Dec. 17, 1729, leaving a widow and three sons.

II. THOMAS. III. WILLIAM, who was one of the council of the Province, under Queen Anne, from 1702 to 1706.

IV. DANIEL. V. JONATHAN. Their descendants are very numerous in different parts of the country.

7. *GEORGE*, of Watertown, in 1657. — His name appears on the town records as early as the 29th of the 7th month, 1657, when his marriage is given, and in the succeeding pages, births of his children are recorded. It is possible that he was born in this country. No evidence of this has been discovered, nor on the other hand, of his arrival from England. He lived to be an old man, as is found. George Lawrence died March 21, 1708, "*an aged man*." By Elisabeth, his wife, he had children, as follows:

I. ELISABETH, born 30-12-1658, married, Jan. 29, 1678, Thomas Whitney.

II. JUDITH, born 12-3-1660.

III. HANNAH, born 24-1-1661.

IV. JOHN, born March 25, 1664.

V. BENJAMIN, born 2-3-1666, married, July 4, 1689, Mary Clough, of Charlestown.

VI. DANIEL, " " " Twins, " Nov. 1695, Hannah Mason, of Charlestown.

VII. GEORGE, born Jan. 4, 1668, married, Aug. 16, 1691, Elisabeth Holland.

VIII. MARY, born Dec. 11, 1670, married, April 5, 1689, John Flagg, of Boston.

IX. GRACE, born June 2, 1680.

Mrs. Elisabeth Lawrence died May 28, 1691. The descendants of this family have lived in Watertown, Waltham, Weston and Charlestown, of this State, and in other States of New England, and the Union.

8. *ROBERT*, of Portland, in 1680 and '85. — In the History of Portland is found the name of one Robert Lawrence, who, about 1686-7, married the widow of George Munjoy, of that place, and thus entered into possession of considerable property. He improved, for some time, the farm belonging to the Munjoys, and had a good deal of dispute with different individuals; a man by the name of Davis, in particular, about the title of some lands. It would seem that he had some military spirit, as he was made a Lieutenant, and in 1689 was one of a Council of War held in Falmouth. He held a garrison a short time — was promoted Captain, and was

mortally wounded in the attack made on the Fort, in 1690, by the French and Indians. He left no children, nor is any thing known of his origin and relation.

9. *JOHN*, born in the Isle of Jersey, England. — He married, (was published) Aug. 28, 1713, Marian Beauchamp, of Boston. He was a "sea captain," and had children, one of whom, John, went to Connecticut, settled in Hartford, was Treasurer of the State, in 1774, and for several years succeeding. He has a grandson, William R. Lawrence, now living, in Hartford.

FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS ACCORDING TO THEIR NUMBER.

- No. 1. JOHN, senior, of Watertown, English Ancestor.
 " 2. Nathaniel, Deacon, Groton.
 " 3. Peleg, Groton.
 " 4. Enoch, "
 " 5. John, Lexington.
 " 6. Eleazer, Major, Littleton.
 " 7. Zechariah, Groton and Pepperell.
 " 8. Nathaniel, Groton.
 " 9. Jonathan, Deacon, Stoncham.
 " 10. Peleg, Deacon, Pepperell.
 " 11. Samuel, Littleton and Ashby.
 " 12. Enoch, or Enosh, Pepperell.
 " 13. Jeremiah, Deacon, Pepperell.
 " 14. William, Colonel, Groton.
 " 15. John, Lexington and Woburn.
 " 16. Thomas, Groton.
 " 17. Jonathan, Lexington.
 " 18. Jonathan, Deacon, Littleton.
 " 19. Eleazer, Captain, Littleton.
 " 20. Amos, Groton.
 " 21. Jonathan, Littleton and Ashby.
 " 22. Thomas, Pepperell.
 " 23. Jonathan, Groton.
 " 24. Abel, Esq., "
 " 25. Oliver, Hollis, N. H.
 " 26. Bezaleel, Lexington.
 " 27. Ephraim, Doctor, Pepperell.
 " 28. William, Reverend, Lincoln.
 " 29. Amos, Groton.
 " 30. Charles, Ashby.
 " 31. Jonathan, Woburn.

- " 32. Jonathan, Woburn and Ashby.
- " 33. Micah, Reverend, Winchester, N. H.
- " 34. Peter, Ashby.
- " 35. John, Deacon, Ashby.
- " 36. Timothy, Littleton and Hollis, N. H.
- " 37. Nathaniel, Reverend, Tyngsboro'.
- " 38. Ebenezer, Deacon, Woburn.
- " 39. Samuel, Deacon, Groton.
- " 40. William, Lieutenant, Lincoln.
- " 41. Jonas, Lexington.
- " 42. Asa, Groton.
- " 43. Joel, "
- " 44. Abel, Salem.
- " 45. Thomas, Pepperell.
- " 46. Luther, Honorable, Lowell.
- " 47. Daniel, Hollis.
- " 48. Thaddens, Deacon, Cohasset.
- " 49. Abel, Salem.
- " 50. William, Esq, Boston.
- " 51. Benjamin, Ashby.
- " 52. Alethon, "
- " 53. Amos, Esq., Boston.
- " 54. Jonathan, Lexington.
- " 55. Hubbard, Deacon, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- " 56. Abbott, Honorable, Boston.
- " 57. Samuel, Esq., Lowell.
- " 58. Josiah Oakes, Esq., Cohasset.
- " 59. Abel, Lincoln.
- " 60. George A., Cohasset.
- " 61. Asa F., Honorable, Pepperell.
- " 62. Curtis, Deacon, Groton.
- " 63. Hubbard, Reverend, Brunswick, Ohio.
- " 64. Edward A., Reverend, Marblehead.
- " 65. William R, M. D., Boston and Brookline.
- " 66. Amos A., Esq., Boston.

N. B. One or two families added since the first arrangement was made, by a mistake in copying, have been placed in the wrong generation, as No. 49. Other additions, by sentences or paragraphs, will probably appear disconnected and loose. The whole is summary, and not expected to be permanent, at least, in this state. This is the first attempt to sketch some particulars of the kind, and as new and more authentic statements are obtained, it is in contemplation to make a more systematic and complete arrangement of the whole, that the family history may be possessed by those of the present and succeeding generations, in a more full and valuable form.

Any information of individuals and families, descendants of *John Lawrence*, of Watertown, *males* or *females*, correctly ascertained and clearly stated, whether from Town Records or those of the Church, Family Registers, or Burial Inscriptions, may be communicated, (and will be gladly received) by mail, or otherwise, to the subscriber, John Lawrence, Boston, care of Z. Hosmer, Esq., Milk street.

P. S. Having understood that objections have been made to this little work by some persons whose names are recorded in it and who feel some delicacy on account of certain facts concerning them which it contains, the writer deems it important to state that in the preparation of the sketch he has proceeded entirely on his own responsibility and without the assistance, consent or knowledge of those by whom such objections are made.

If, therefore, any think that they are noticed *too much*, it is because their history was better known and more easily obtained, while of those concerning whom *too little* may have been said we hope to speak more fully hereafter.

